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"To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced...through Education Missions and Fellowship," Matthew 28:19-20

By Reverend Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr.
President GBSC



Reverend Dr. Gregory K. **Moss, Sr.**

Greetings to you my beloved General Baptist family in the marvelous name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

In the spirit of newness and bringing forth fresh water, the vice-presidents and I have decided to initiate a ***Consecration and Commitment Worship and Celebration***. We believe it is important to build relationship with those who were recently elected and or appointed, and the existing officers of auxiliaries. What better way to begin a new administration than by worshipping together? Vice-President Lynch and myself will host this initial event on Friday, January 19, 2006 at St. Paul in Charlotte, NC. Devotion will begin at 6:45 p.m., led by area hymn choirs. There will be special music, fervent prayers and powerful witness and preaching. We are inviting the General Baptist family and our many friends to join us in this special time of worship and consecration. The Reverend J. R. Samuels, recently retired pastor of St. Stephens Church of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, has graciously agreed to bring the message for the evening. We are excited and waiting on ***tiptoe anticipation*** for your arrival. Your presence and prayers will ensure a beautiful evening in the presence of our Lord. (Directions to St. Paul are included within this publication)

Celebration is in the air. Thanksgiving has past and Christmas is just around the corner. It is a festive time. Expectation abounds. The atmosphere crackles with anticipation. Shopping has taken center stage. There are gifts to purchase, parties to plan, travel to be arranged, tables to set, feast to prepare and toys to assemble. For a brief moment, millions will be smitten with a spirit of giving and sharing. Many will display a spirit of sacrifice not witnessed during any other time of the year.

This is not to suggest there is anything wrong with doing and participating in the above. However, we should never allow the true reason for Christmas to take a back seat to the world's way of celebrating. Jesus is God's gift to the world, "And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us." (John 1:14). We must not dishonor the gift God has so graciously provided. We are challenged to be intentional about re-affirming our faith by celebrating the arrival of the Christ-Child. Forthrightly, we are telling the story about the incarnation and how the spirit became flesh. How divine flesh came through the back door of mankind, born among people who lived on the margins of life; and how this Christ-Child brought forth a hope that continues to draw men and women into relationship with the Creator.

In our giving, let us be mindful of the abundance and bounty we are blessed to possess. Let us demonstrate our gratitude by developing the spirit of giving within us that will last beyond a holiday period. Remember there are those locally and globally who are in great need. Perhaps the spirit of the season will best be served by sharing with them, not just from our abundance, but sacrificially. Being intentional about teaching our young to embrace the ideal and importance giving sacrificially and giving back. Then we as General Baptist will rejoice as a community, state and nation. The world will see us as the embodiment of the spirit of the Christ-Child bringing new hope, joy and love to a desperate world.



The tornado damaged homes in Riegelwood, N.C., Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006. The tornado flipped cars, shredded trees and ripped mobile homes to pieces in this little riverside community early Thursday, killing at least eight people, authorities said. AP

An Appeal to Help the Tornado Affected Families of Riegelwood
Dr. Gregory K, Moss, Sr., President

All of us have been touched by the terrible devastation caused by the recent tornado in the community of Riegelwood in Columbus County. The images of destruction are mind-bobbling. Thank you for the prayers you and your congregation have lifted in the past week. I am sure that your faith response has made a difference in the lives of people.

The Executive Secretary-Treasurer was dispatched to the area on the day following the tornado. He was able to tour the area, meet with area pastors and affected families. I have visited the area and attend funerals of some who lost their lives in the storm. Other Leaders of our Convention have visited and shared in the community's suffering. Our common reaction is that their Convention will be of greatest help and impact by providing financial assistance to Tornado affected families.



Dr. Haywood T. **Gray**
Executive Secretary-Treasurer



The family of Tyesha Wilson consoles each other during a memorial service for Tyesha and her husband O'Keon on Wednesday. The couple was killed during tornado in Riegelwood. The service was held at Union Baptist Church in Wilmington.
Staff Photo by MARK COURTNEY

The Pastors in the area have done a heroic job of helping to meet the emotion, spiritual, and practical needs of

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The General Board

At the time this article had to be submitted for the January 2007 Baptist Informer, the General Board of the new administration had not met. The General Board will have a meeting on December 28, 2006 in Raleigh.

Nevertheless, let me express my sincere hope that the pastors and member churches of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. will have a blessed New Year and that God will continue to walk with us and we with Him throughout 2007.

Please continue to pray for those in Riegelwood who lost family and/or property following the unfortunate tragic weather conditions in the month of November 2006. Our Executive Secretary Treasurer, Dr. Haywood T. Gray and our President, Dr. G.K. Moss, Sr., have been on the scene and in touch with Rev. Todd and others who live in the area. A report of how the GBSC can best assist in that effort is forthcoming.

Also, please continue to support, in prayer and finance, the work of our Convention through State Missions, Shaw University and Divinity School and the Central Children's Home. As we continue to help those in our communities, we are reminded to minister to those on the foreign field who are struggling in most cases for their very existence on a daily basis.

Finally, I ask for your prayers for all of us who share a part of the leadership of GBSC for the next four years and that with you, we will be found working while it is day, for the Kingdom.

General Board Meeting
Thursday, December 28, 2006
10:00 a.m.
Christian Faith Baptist Church
509 Hilltop Drive
Raleigh, North Carolina

By Dr. Ricky L. Banks,
3rd. Vice-President To GBSC

"A Faithful Prophet"



Rev. Ricky
Banks

Jeremiah received his call to the prophetic office at an early age, in the thirteenth year of King Josiah reign over Judah. He stands alone in circumstances of the most desperate and heartbreaking nature, yet faithfully and fearlessly he declares the Word of the Lord, the crushing judgment which is to fall upon the nation and her people.

Jeremiah was no volunteer like Isaiah, but rather was a person who recoiled from divine call, feeling both inadequate and immature. A man with an intensely sensitive nature, he was exposed to the worst kind of insults, to public embarrassment, and even to the disgrace of being placed in the stocks like a common criminal. (Jeremiah 20:2).

Jeremiah felt the deepest need for human companionship and love; yet he was alienated from his family, plotted against by his neighbors Jeremiah 11: 18-23), and was forbidden to marry (Jeremiah 16:2).

He apparently wanted nothing more from life than the opportunity to enjoy a quiet and peaceful fellowship with God; yet he was forced by God to struggle publicly with kings, officials, and religious leaders who cared little or nothing about God.

Jeremiah was no plaster saint. He was a man and thoroughly human. As we meet him within the pages of his book, we find him as difficult to understand as any other real person. He had his ups and downs and his strengths and weaknesses, but through it all, he was a man who knew God. However unsure he may have been of himself, he was never unsure of God.

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THEME: *"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness..."* (II Corinthians 6:7)

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the persons in the Riegelwood community. A series of meetings resulted in those area churches uniting to provide continuing relief efforts to affected families. The St. John Missionary Baptist Church has become the focal point for relief and assistance and it is through this Church, cooperating with other Churches and pastors in the community that our Convention will invest funds for relief.

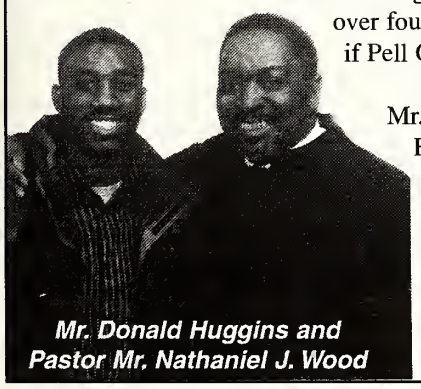
The Convention has already provided funds for tarps to protect homes that were damaged, but not destroyed. We have also provided gift cards to allow families to purchase personal needs in the immediate aftermath of the storm. The need at this point is for money to purchase medicine, replace lost eyeglasses and wheelchairs; pay housing costs for persons who cannot return to their homes, provide housing and meals for volunteers who have come to the area to help with clean-up efforts, and to provide for clothing and school supplies for children who lost everything in the storm.

The Pastors in the area have identified the families affected and have identified which needs are immediate. It is our hope to be able to quickly provide funds to assist in meeting those immediate needs. To this end, I am issuing an urgent appeal to all of our General Baptist Churches to send funds rot hr Baptist Headquarters earmarked for Tornado Relief that may be forwarded to help with the recovery.

Thank You in advance for the cooperation that I know you will give. Please respond as soon as you can so that the love of our Baptist family may be felt in the hearts and realized on the smiles of faces of our brothers and sisters in Riegelwood. Please continue in your work, as your giving and caring helps to convince the unconvinced to be convinced. ■

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Mr. Huggins is a member of the New Providence Missionary Baptist Church, his pastor is Reverend Nathaniel J. Wood. ■

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He Is Risen

Dr. A.T. Griffey, III
GBSC-Historian
He Is Risen



Dr. A.T. **Griffey, III**

On the night before He was crucified, Jesus, while in great anguish, showed the human side of His nature and asked if there was another way For God's plan to be accomplished; "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from Me" (Matthew 26:39a). Though He knew He would be physically, emotionally, and Spiritually tormented, nailed to a Cross, and hung until dead, He gave His life into the hands of the Father; "Yet, not as I will, but as You will" (Matthew 26:39b). And as sure as Jesus knew God's plan was for Him to die, He also knew He would Rise again; "And on the third day He will be raised to life" (Matthew 17:23).

On the third day after Jesus was crucified, Mary Magdalene and her Friends saw the empty tomb and immediately ran to tell the disciples; "But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them Like nonsense" (Luke 24:11). Even after Peter saw the empty tomb for Himself, he was perplexed; "He went away, wondering to himself what had Happened" (Luke 24:12).

The disciples had walked with Jesus and listened to Him teach about this day, but they still did not understand. It wasn't until Jesus personally appeared to the disciples that the events began to make sense; "Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures" (Luke 24:45).

In an instant, everything fit into place. They finally understood how all the Old Testament scripture pointed to the coming of Jesus and how He would be sacrificed for the forgiveness of our sins. They saw the predictions of His death - and of His resurrection. They finally saw Him as much more than a good teacher, much more than even a mighty King. His resurrection meant He was the Savior, the one and only Son of God!

Have a Great Day!

■

Congress of Christian Education

Ms. Lula Gainey
President,
Congress of Christian Education

Greetings to you my General Baptist State Convention Family:

On behalf of the newly elected Officers of the Congress of Christian Education "2006—2010" our humbly thanks to each of you for your vote of confidence given to us in leading the Teaching Ministry of this Great Convention.

We embrace our parent body theme: "Convincing the Unconvinced, to be Convinced . . . Through Education, Missions and Fellowship" Matthew 28:19-20.

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We invite each of you to take an active part in this ministry from the local church, district and association levels, and join our State Team. If you desire to be apart of our Teaching Ministry please forward your resume to our Congress Dean, Sis. Janifer Campbell, at 5422 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

In the upcoming months, as our web page is fully developed, you will be able to access all of our Auxiliary dates, places, iternaries, forms and applications directly from the web page. We are excited and looking forward to serving your instructional needs at every level.

Mark your calendars and plan to share with us in our February 10, 2007 One-Day Session, being held at the Benton Convention Center, Winston Salem, North Carolina, **Rev. Claude Forehand and Buncombe Baptist Church Family of Lexington, North Carolina will serve as our host for this session.**

An innovative program and study session is being planned for your continual spiritual growth.

On March 24, 2007, we will meet at the J. J. Johnson Assembly Site for a detailed Vacation Bible School Training Session. Again please plan to share in these learning opportunities with us. ■

Mrs. Bronnie Daniels
President, WBH & FMC



Bronnie **Daniels**

How great is the Faithfulness of God in the great things He has done! For He has given us mercies through another year. "Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I (we) see; all I (we) have needed Thy hand hath provided-- Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me (us)!

(Thomas O. Chisholm)

Convention History

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention (WBH&FMC) is an auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., (then called the Educational and Missionary Convention) was organized in 1867. "As the fields grew whiter and the laborers increased, there was a great need for a Woman's Convention in North Carolina," which would reach "back into the minds and hearts of men." (See 1867-1967: The Centennial Celebration of the General Baptist State Convention…)

Thus in 1884, "some North Carolina Missionary Baptist women felt the call to mission and responded by banding themselves together under the leadership of the late Reverend Dr. Henry Martin Tupper (himself an American Baptist missionary, founder and first president of Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina) and formed the Woman's Convention. Among some of the founders were Mrs. N. F. Roberts, Mrs. Hattie E. Shephard, Miss Helen Jackson, Mrs. Sallie A. Mial, and Mrs. B. E. Green." (See A Handbook And Study Guide for Missionary Baptist Women.) "The women felt they could render a more effective service by bringing together the widely scattered missionary societies under one banner." (See History of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.)

Over the years, the Convention has experienced tremendous growth. Very early in the organizational plan, the leaders saw the need to educate children in Christian and missionary education. A Junior Department was organized in 1924, and in 1971, the name was changed to Youth Department. In 1964, the Young Adult Department was formed to bridge the gap between the already existing seniors and the youth.

In 1946 the Convention assumed the position of Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention (GBSC).

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

By Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Executive Secretary Treasurer

It was saintly and dedicated women of the past who extended their hands far and near through mission. Baptist women of today, having received this great and Godly legacy, must add to the gift and keep the torch lighted by involving themselves in Christ's mission through missions.

"Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand."
II Corinthians 1:24

Convention Purpose

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention's purpose is to:

- Organize and improve missionary circles in Baptist churches of North Carolina, by inspiring fellowship, spiritual growth, and unity in purpose.
- Promote a broader missionary spirit and endeavor
- To encourage study of the Bible and other missionary literature in order to awaken a greater interest in missionary work
- To support missionaries at home and abroad
- To support Christian education
- To cooperate with the parent body (GBSC)

What Is A Missionary?

A missionary is a Christian messenger sent forth by divine authority for the purpose of presenting the gospel across national, cultural or religious lines for the conversion of the unbeliever. The word "missionary" comes from the Latin word "mitto" which means "I send," and is related to the Greek word "apostello" which means, "to send."

As members of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, we are missionaries who have had a biblical mandate to help spread the gospel. By joining together in a convention, local churches are able to pool their spiritual gifts, resources, skills, talents, and time to do the most good for the most in need.

MOTTO: "Christ in Every Home"
2006-2007 THEME:
"…Stand In Faith"
Scripture References: I Corinthia:13& Phippians 1:27

Ministry of Missions

- County and Community Missions: an out-reach ministry to provide spiritual strength to those in need
- The Family Altar: a united effort on the part of family members to keep the family fires burning through daily prayers and Bible reading.
- Self-Denial Stewardship Tithing: Much of the conventional work is supported through tithing, free-will and self-denial offerings of the members.
- The State-wide Leaders' Workshop: This workshop, held in April, provides information and training to Officers, Committee Chairpersons, and Special Workers, on how to become efficient leaders on the state and local levels.
- The Leadership Training Conference: This five-day Conference, held annually the first week of June, provides training for missionaries as leaders in church, community, and convention activities.
- The Youth Bible Camp: This five-day, three week camp program for youth is held annually in June at the J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, located in Laurel Hill, NC. Programs and activities are designed to meet the needs and interests of young people as they are prepared to become efficient followers and leaders in churches, unions, auxiliaries, and throughout the world.
- The Missionary Training Institutes: These institutes are designed to provide special training for missionary leaders and workers in the churches, city and county unions, and auxiliaries, through the study of special text books, convention literature and publications. The institute classes are taught by the Convention's certified personnel.
- The Missionary Mass Meeting: This meeting provides an opportunity for seniors, young adults, and youth to assemble in local, city or county gatherings to share missions progress and encourage one another in Christian service.
- Youth Inspirational Meetings: These meetings are designed to motivate our young people in their commitment and involvement in Christian service.
- Youth Evangelism Conference: This Conference, held the first Saturday in November, provides a prayerful and spiritual atmosphere for teaching youth about salvation, why and how to witness, and offer testimonies of their faith through growth in Christ.
- Young Adult Fellowship Meetings: These meetings consist of spiritual activities offering thanks and adoration to God as well as growth through fellowship.
- Young Adult Retreat: a retreat held the first Saturday in June for mutual discussion and fellowship.
- Ministers' Wives Retreat: a retreat held the first Saturday in May for strength and fellowship.
- Family Missions Conference: held the fourth Saturday in September for strengthening the family.
- Central Children's Home and WBC&FMC Day: a biannual program during August at the Central Children's Home to encourage the children in educational endeavors.

Happy New Year!



Dr. Priscilla **Brodie**

THE 2007 CALENDAR

JANUARY - (Prayer Month for STATE MISSIONS)
13–One-Day Session, Greenville Convention Center, Greenville
FEBRUARY - (Prayer Month for NATIONAL MISSIONS)
3–United Central and Northern Assembly, Peace Baptist Church, Durham
MARCH - 4–WBH&FMC Executive Board Meeting, Baptist Headquarters
APRIL - Prayer Month for Foreign Mission
8- Easter
14 – State-Wide Leaders' Workshop, St. Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte
MAY - 5– Ministers' Wives and Widows Weekend Retreat
26–United Southern Assembly, Lewis Chapel Baptist Church, Fayetteville
JUNE - 2 – Young Adult Retreat
4-8 – Leadership Training Conference, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
10-15 – First Week of Youth Bible Camp, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
16– United Eastern Assembly, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rocky Mount
17-22 – Second Week of Youth Bible Camp, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
23– Missions Prayer Day (County Unions, et. al.)
24-29 – Third Week of Youth Bible Camp, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill
JULY - 22-26 – Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, Winston-Salem
AUGUST
(Prayer month for THE FAMILY)
12-17 Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention
SEPTEMBER
3-7 National Baptist Convention
22– Family Missions Conference
OCTOBER - (Prayer month for SHAW UNIVERSITY AND SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL)
12–Shaw University Founder's Day Convocation
13 – WBSC Institute Workers' Workshop, Baptist Headquarters
NOVEMBER
3 – Youth Evangelism Conference
5- World Day of Prayer (BWA – Woman's Department)
22– Thanksgiving Day
DECEMBER
25 – Christmas Day

Sunday School Teacher's Training

Mrs. Portia H. Brandon, M. Div.
Christian Education Coordinator/ Managing Editor



Portia H. **Brandon**

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Nash County Congress of Christian Education

Sunday School Teacher's Training
Saturday November 18, 2006

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S RESPONSIBILITIES/DUTIES

TIP 1: PREPARATION
- Allow Time
- Select a Translation
- Be Comfortable

TIP 2: WHEN YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND
- Be Patient
- Use Other Translations
- Use Study Tools



BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR TEACHING THE BIBLE

- Study every passage within its literary context. Literary context includes both a text's immediate setting (the verses around it) and its relationship to the entire book.
- Recognize that the cultural, social and historical environment represented in a biblical passage differs from that of today, and then try to understand a passage in light of those differences.
- Translations often reflect the translator's understanding. Therefore, when studying a passage, compare several translations, or versions, to try and discover the most likely meaning of a word or phrase.
- Interpret any single passage in light of what the author has written elsewhere. Interpret the Bible as a whole. That is, interpret the Bible in light of the entire message of the Bible.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER WHEN TEACHING:

1. What is the main subject?
2. Who are the main people?
3. What does it say about God?
4. What does it say about Christ?
5. What is the key or main verse?
6. What is the central lesson?
7. What are the main promises?
8. What are the main commandments or instructions?
9. What error should I avoid?
10. What example is there to follow?
11. What do I need most in this chapter to apply to my life today?
12. Are there cross references that can be used to develop the theme of the passage or add clarity of understanding?
13. Are there any key words or phrases? Do they appear in other sections of the same book as well as other books?
14. Are there any words I should look up to clarify a definition?

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- **February 10, 2007**
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- **February 24, 2007**
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 Benton Convention Center
 Winston Salem, NC

Tax Free Income When You Retire

Roth IRAs Provide Big Advantages to Investors

By Dexter Vincent Perry
Sr. Wealth Planner

Would you like to have an opportunity to not pay taxes on your investment income? You may have that chance! A Roth IRA takes today's after-tax income and allows it to grow and be withdrawn tax-free after age 59 1/2 if the account has been set up for 5 years.



Mr. Dexter **Perry**

Advantages

There are many advantages to investing in a Roth IRA. These advantages include the tax-free distribution and that you never have to withdraw the money after age 70 1/2, like a traditional IRA. There are no age limits, unlike a traditional IRA. A 95-year-old working part time can contribute to a Roth IRA. The range of possible investments are greater than those allowed in a 401K plan and include church bonds, mutual funds, and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs). A Roth can fund qualified educational expenses, provide up to $10,000 to buy a home for family members who have not lived in a home for two years, and pay medical bills above 7.5% of income, among other uses. Advisors love them. After employer-matched 401k funds, for most people it is the best investment.

Who Should Invest in a Roth IRA?

Most people should invest in a Roth IRA. In 2003, federal tax rates were reduced to their lowest rates in years. The lowest tax bracket in 1974 was 14% and the highest was 70%. In 2005, the lowest tax bracket is 10% and the highest bracket is 35%. If you believe that your tax bracket will increase in the future or that Congress will raise the tax rates again, then you owe it to yourself to look into a Roth IRA.

Differences from a Traditional IRA

The appeal of a Traditional IRA is that it delays paying income taxes on your retirement investment until you withdraw it. At age 70 1/2 you must start withdrawing money from your account and pay income taxes on it, even if you don't need the money then. This is called a "required minimum distribution". Many of my clients complain about having to do this. It hurts their retirement income and their ability to enjoy their retirement. If they are still earning money, they may be forced into a higher tax bracket. If they are not working, then they lose the ability to grow each yearís withdrawal tax-free.

Roth IRAs do have a higher allowable income limit for contributions if a person is covered by an employer pension or other retirement plan. A non-deductible contribution to a traditional IRA can be made if one is over the limit.

Contribution Amounts

For 2007, the amount is $5,000 for those 50 or older and $4,000 for those under 50. You have until Arpil 15, 2007 to make a contribution for 2006. You can have both an IRA and a Roth-IRA, however, the total contributed to both plans must not exceed the $5,000 annual IRS limit.

Income Requirements

Congress sees these accounts as a tax break for the middle class and excludes higher-income earners. You or your spouse must have earned income and meet the income guidelines. The amount allowed is based upon your Federal income tax filing status. I am available to discuss these requirements with you to see if you qualify. You may reach me directly at 919-858-7819.

The whole area of saving for retirement and other needs can be very confusing. I stand ready to provide you more information and to help you choose the best financial plan for you and your family.

Dexter V. Perry is a Registered Investment Advisor and Certified Financial Planner enrollee. He holds an Economics degree from Duke University and served as Assistant Vice President of First Union National Bank before establishing The Providence Group of North Carolina.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

To: Subscribers of the Baptist Informer
From: Mrs. Portia H. Brandon, Managing Editor
Date: November 11, 2006
Re: Renewing Your Subscription

Greetings and Peace! We hope that you have been enjoying the Baptist Informer with its wonderful articles and updates on the events within the churches of the General Baptist State Convention.

This announcement is to let you know that we are in the process of updating and correcting our database of subscribers to the Baptist Informer. Soon, we will be monitoring subscription expiration dates and ending subscriptions when they expire.

Your individual expiration date is located on your mailing label under your name on every issue of the Baptist Informer. Please make a note of this date and read the following:

- **For those that have expired:** You will continue to receive the Baptist Informer through January 2007. After this time, we will begin the process of closing expired subscriptions. We encourage you to renew your subscription within the next few weeks, so that we can continue your issues uninterrupted. You will not receive another notice.

- **For those that are current with your subscription:** We ask that you check your mailing label and send in your renewal a month prior to your expiration date.

Currently, the renewal rate is $20.00 per year. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Portia Brandon at (919) 821-7466. Your contribution ensures that this needed ministry will continue. We appreciate and thank you for your support!

What is State Missions anyway?

Excellent question! Think of State Missions as the gas that runs the car. Without gasoline (and without State Missions), the car won't run (and the Convention cannot operate). Our State Missions expenses fall into two categories: OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING.

OPERATIONS include:

Parent Body and Auxiliary Officers Honoraria and Expenses, Staff Salaries and Benefit, Attorneys, Accountants and Consultants Fees, Computer Maintenance, Office Supplies, Office Machines, Postage and Shipping, Property, Workers Comp, and General Liability Insurance, Printing of books, brochures, newspaper, announcements, programs, and flyers; Expenses to operate the Baptist Headquarters including gas, water, electricity, telephones, janitorial, trash disposal, security, and upkeep; Expenses to operate the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill including gas, electricity, telephones, custodial services, lawn upkeep and grass cutting, heating & air conditioning maintenance, plumbing, upkeep of swimming pool, and certified pool operators and life guards.

Expenses for each Session of the Parent Body and Auxiliaries which includes: Rental of facilities like convention centers, printing of materials for Sessions, preparation of registration kits and badges, staff travel to make arrangement for host pastors and host Churches, lodging for staff and special guests. Banquet costs including food, rental of space, service fees, mailings, publicity and advertising, awards and plaques.

ALMOST $700,000.00 IS NEEDED FOR OPERATIONS EACH YEAR. ALMOST $160,000.00 IS NEEDED FOR PROGRAMMING EACH YEAR.

New North Carolina laws effective December 1, 2006

(ABCNEWS.com)

- Everyone riding in the back seat of a passenger car must wear a seat belt. Seat belt laws already cover people in front and children.
- It is illegal to disrupt a funeral or memorial service, or to chant, yell or hoist threatening signs along a funeral procession route.
- Drivers younger than 18 cannot drive and talk on the phone at the same time, unless they are calling 911 or a hospital, or talking to their spouse, mom, dad or legal guardian.
- New laws governing sex offenders stipulate they cannot live within 1,000 feet of schools or child-care centers. Sex offender registration requirements also are tighter.

• Having alcohol on your breath if you are under 21. There are medical and religious exceptions. Previously, underage drinkers were charged only for purchasing or possessing alcohol in a container.

• Two new felony offenses for causing serious injury by vehicle, and two new felony offenses for aggravated or repeat death by vehicle.

• Driving a lawn mower or riding a bicycle while impaired.

Several measures are aimed at repeat DWI offenders:

• More impaired drivers who are arrested with a revoked license or no license will be subject to having their cars seized.

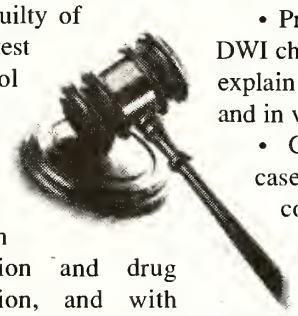
• Before their driving privileges are restored, more drivers will have to install ignition interlock devices that prevent the car from starting if there is alcohol on the driver's breath.

• Violators will face extra penalties for habitual impaired driving, starting with the fourth DWI offense in 10 years. Previously, the rule applied only for a fourth offense in seven years.

Law enforcement officers and prosecutors have new authority to:

• Get a blood or urine sample if you refuse to submit to a breath analysis.

• Prove you are guilty of DWI if your breath test shows a blood-alcohol reading of 0.08 percent.



• Bolster the case against you with testimony from experts in accident reconstruction and drug impairment recognition, and with results of a roadside breath alcohol test.

• Present the results of a roadside Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test, which indicates the extent of alcohol or drug impairment according to how smoothly your eyes can track a moving object.

• Learn more about the defense lawyer's strategy before the trial starts. Most motions to suppress evidence or dismiss charges must be filed in writing, in advance.

Judges and prosecutors are more accountable for decisions to dismiss charges or acquit defendants:

• Prosecutors who reduce or drop DWI charges must provide reasons and explain the case in detail — in court and in writing.

• Courts must keep a database of cases, and detailed records on DWI convictions including the names of judges and attorneys.

• Eventually, after state recordkeeping is upgraded, a free Web site will enable the public to track DWI cases handled by every prosecutor, judge and defense attorney in North Carolina.

Lanes Creek Missionary Baptist Association

110th ANNUAL SESSION

OCTOBER 16 –20, 2006

Rev. William T. Richardson, Moderator

Opening Session

Monday, October 16, 2006
Woman's Auxiliary

Theme Address
President Selma Davis
"Serving the Present Age:
Stand in Unity and in Prayer:
Scripture
Matthews 12:25,
Luke 21:36 and Psalm 1:1

Tuesday, October 17, 2006
Youth Night

Youth skit/ Characters of the Bible
Ms. Deloris Ashcraft

Concert
Cabarrus and Mecklenburg Youth
Directed by Mrs. Ethel Croutch

Wednesday, October 18, 2006
Laymen League and Ushers Night

Presiding..... Deaconess Eddie Culbreth

Message Bro. Nathan Hailey
President, Laymen League

Sermon.....Rev. J. C. Clark
Pastor, Elizabeth Baptist Church

Annual and Farewell Address
Rev. William T. Richardson
Moderator

Thursday Morning, October 19, 2006

Presiding.....Rev. J. W. Threatt
2nd Vice Moderator

Message.....Rev. Denny Chambers
Pastor, St. Davie Baptist Church

Educational Sermon.....Rev. J. N. Coble
Pastor, Mt. Moriah Baptist Church

Thursday, Afternoon, Oct. 19, 2006

Presiding.....Rev. J. N. Coble
3rd Vice Moderator

Theme Message..... Rev. D. W. Gatewood

Doctrinal Sermon.....Rev. C. M. Booker

Workshop
Mental Health and Drugs Mrs. Revelle Nesbitt

Thursday Evening, October 19, 2006

Presiding.....Dr. E. R. Kirkpatrick
1st Vice Moderator

Workshop..... Dr. C.C. Craig
Pastor, Piney Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Friday, October 20, 2006

Presiding..... Rev. J. M. Sanders
4th Vice Moderator

Theme Message.....Dr. E. R. Kirkpatrick
1st Vice Moderator

Workshop.....Once Saved Always Saved
Rev. P. C. Holland
Pastor, First Baptist Church

Missionary Sermon
Rev. Carolyn Winchester Pastor, Gordonville
Missionary Baptist Church

We are happy to announce for the first time in 110 years, God has blessed our Association to be led by one of His daughters in the ministry. Dr. E. R. Kirkpatrick, Moderator of the Lanes Creek Missionary Baptist Association. She presently serves as Pastor of the Rocky Ridge Missionary Baptist Church. God has truly prepared her for this awesome position.

How wonderful to know that He
Who watches from above
Will always keep us sheltered in
His ever-present love.

(Leon Parker, Director of Publicity)

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Fourteenth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast



Dr. John D. Fuller, Sr.
Host Pastor

Monday, January 15, 2007 • 7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Crown Exposition Center
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Associate Justice of Supreme Court of North Carolina

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Hon. Patricia Timmons-Goodson
Keynote Speaker

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Pastor Michael Fletcher
Keynote Speaker

Fourteenth Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship Service

Sunday, January 14, 2007 - 5:00 p.m.

Keynote Speaker - Pastor Michael Fletcher
Manna Church of Fayetteville
Fayetteville, North Carolina

Host Pastor - Dr. John Dr. Fuller, Sr.
Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church
Fayetteville, North Carolina
Contact: Calvin Pope - Liaison Fayetteville Cumberland County Ministerial Council
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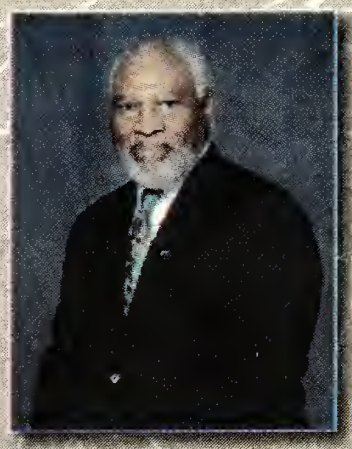
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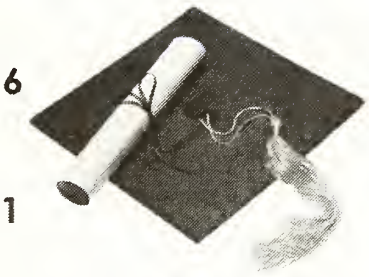
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For additional information, call Pastor F.W. Fisher/President, Souvenir Book Committee
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PRINCE HUNTER BAPTIST HOME & FOREIGN MISSION CONVENTION

REGISTRATION FORM
1st ANNUAL SESSION – APRIL 16-20, 2007 – NEW BERN EASTERN ASSOCATION BUILDING
885 NC HIGHWAY 306 NORTH – GRANTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

PERSONAL REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete one (1) registration form for each individual who will attend the convention. The personal registration entitles you to: a delegate kit, the convention program, printed facts, objectives, and by-laws, delegate badge, enrollment in study course curriculum, and one meal per day (Monday – Thursday)

Please Print or Type

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Registration	$75.00	_____	
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Prayer Breakfast	$25.00	_____	
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Musical	$10.00	_____	
Total Amount Due		=	_____

Please make your check or money order payable to: Prince Hunter Baptist Home & Foreign Mission Convention. Please mail pre-registration payments to: Prince Hunter Mission Convention, P.O. Box 9, Merritt, N.C. 28556.

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"The Road Leading to the...
1st Annual
PRINCE A. HUNTER
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"Denying Self, to Be a Blessing to the World"
Galatians 6:2

In April:
Harvest Time – The 1st Harvest
A Time of Celebration
A Time of Rejoicing
A Time of Remembering the Poor
A Time of God's Favor and the Beginning of Fruitful Restoration

April 15 – 20, 2007
"Denying self, to be a Blessing to The World"
1st Annual Convention
885 NC Hwy 306 North
Grantsboro, North Carolina

March 25, 2007
"And to the End of the Earth"
New Seasons Missionary Baptist Church
589 Alexander Rouse Road (Off NC Hwy 258 S)
Kinston, North Carolina
Pastor Roosevelt B.Whitehead, Jr., Host Pastor

February 25, 2007
"From Judea to Samaria
Feel Free Church Ministries, Inc
904 Wilson Street
Wilson, North Carolina
Pastor Anthony Cox, Program Host

January 28, 2007
"From Jerusalem to Judea"
Rock Hill Missionary Baptist Church
Crisp Street
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December 17, 2006
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Bethel Missionary Baptist Church
North Trent Road
Merritt, North Carolina
Pastor Victor Smith, Program Host

"The Steps to Success Begins at Home"

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APPLICATION FOR EXHIBIT SPACE FOR
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SESSION 1st ANNUAL
PRINCE HUNTER MISSION CONVENTION
NEW BERN EASTERN CONVENTION
885 NC HIGHWAY 306 N0RTH
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APRIL 15 –2007 -

EXHIBIT FEE - $100.00

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P. O. BOX 9
MERRITT, NORTH CAROLINA 28556

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Eaeh vendor will be provided One Table and One Chair. Electric Outlets will be provided.

Fee for Exhibit Space Shall Be Paid Before Setup. See Policy for More Details.
Each Exhibitor shall be Responsible for Displaying and Proteeting their Booth.
Exhibit Setup Begins on: Monday, April 16, 2007 – Starting at 7:00 a.m. Must B Removed by: Thursday, April 19, 2007

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CONVENTION HOTELS
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885 NC HIGHWAY 306 NORTH
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APRIL 15-20, 2007

WATERFRONT ON THE SCENIC NEUSE :

Bridgepointe Hotel & Marina Bern	*Comfort Suites Riverfront Park*	*Sheraton Grand New*
101 Howell Road	*218 East Front Street*	*100 Middle Street*
New Bern, North Carolina	*New Bern, North Carolina*	*New Bern, North Carolina*
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- *Be sure to reference the PRINCE HUNTER CONVENTION when you call, and request a confirmation number.*

NOTE: All Hotels Are Within Only 12 – 15 Minutes Shuttle or Driving Time from the Site of the Convention.

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The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. (GBSC)] and The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB) partner to make the following essential benefits available to pastors and other employees of GBSC-related organizations:

- The Benefits for Life program builds retirement income while providing pre-retirement disability and life insurance protection
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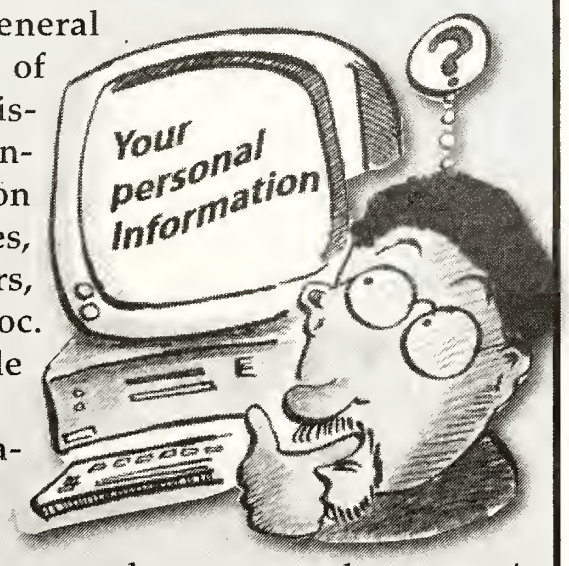
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Personal info exposed

Loraine Williams

In July of 2006 a new database was available to the general public free of charge that displays your personal information (names, addresses, phone numbers, birth dates). (Soc. Sec. is available for a price.)



The database is found at

http://www.zabasearch.com/
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Effective April 1, 2006

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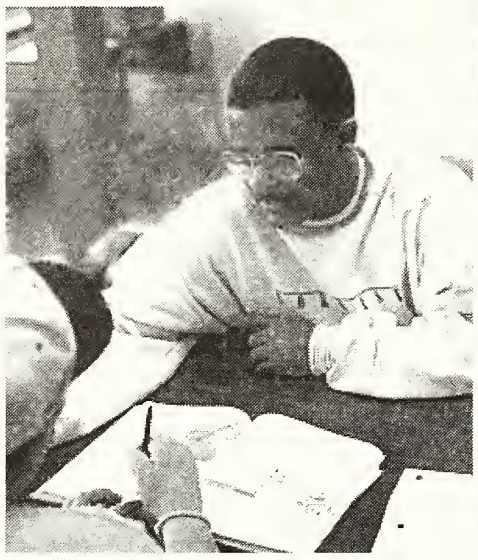
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Attention Black Males who are in Senior high school who want to go to college



Do you know any Black Males who are in Senior high school who want to go to college out of state for free? Clemson University is helping majority-black colleges find future black male teachers and will send them to universities/college for 4 years FREE. There are about 10 different colleges or universities.

Have the parents read the Mission Statement and fill out this application.

Contact:

www.callmemister.clemson.edu/

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Clemson University
Clemson, SC 29634

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Ben Ruffin, former UNC and RJR executive, dies in Winston-Salem

Benjamin S. Ruffin, a one-time aide to Gov. Jim Hunt and the first black chairman of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors, died Thursday, December 7, after an apparent heart attack. Ruffin, 64, suffered the heart attack at his home in this Winston-Salem and could not be revived.



1998, Ruffin became the first black to be elected chairman of the board that oversees the university's 16-campus system. At the time, he was also a vice president for corporate affairs at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco, but retired the next year to focus more attention on his work with the university system.

Ruffin previously worked as a vice president with the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co. and served as a special assistant to former Gov. Jim Hunt.

At the time of his death, Ruffin was an emeritus member of the university system's Board of Governors.

Ruffin received a bachelor's degree in education from North Carolina Central University and a master's in social work from the UNC Chapel Hill.

He is survived by his wife, Avon, and two children.

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2007 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Banquet



January 12, 2007 • 7:00 P.M.

Greenville Convention Center

303 SW Greenville Boulevard, Greenville, NC

• Keynote Speaker •
Rev. Thomas D. Johnson, Sr.
Canaan Baptist Church of Christ
Harlem, New York

Dr. King delivered his famous "A Knock at Midnight" sermon (penned in 1963) at Canaan Baptist Church of Christ, Harlem, New York, one month before his assassination in 1968.

TICKET DONATION BEFORE DECEMBER 19, 2006-$40.00-per person
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Deadline: December 19, 2006

Directions to our Hotel
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SAUNTEED VEGETABLE MEDLEY
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Dr. Charles T. Bullock Ends Tenure as President of GBSC of NC, Inc.

Mrs. Allie M. Peebles
Martin Street Baptist Church

The 139th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina was held on October 29 - November 2, 2006, at the Benton Convention Center in Winston Salem, North Carolina. Dr. Serenus Churn, Sr., the Senior Pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church, served as host pastor.

On Wednesday, November 1, some of the members of the Martin Street Baptist Church of Raleigh traveled by chartered bus and individual cars to the convention to support their pastor, Dr. Charles T. Bullock who would be delivering his last address as president.

At 9:45 A.M., Reverend Haywood Gray, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention, presented the New Baptist Life NC Website. Following this presentation, it was 10:00 A.M., and there was the Presidential Processional including Dr. Shirley Bullock, wife of the outgoing president, Dr. Charles T. Bullock.

From 10:05 until 11:00 A. M., the time was reserved for Presidential Tributes. The Shaw University Choir set the tone for the hour by singing the well-known hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God." Reverend Haywood Gray presented a video tribute to Dr. Bullock and his wife, Dr. Shirley Bullock. The video portrayed Dr. Bullock as a scholar, teacher, world traveler, and a preacher. He also emphasized the fact that the Convention is on solid ground financially. It took the effort and support from many under Dr. Bullock's leadership.

Dr. Clarence Newsome, President of Shaw University, presented a resolution. His message followed on the subject titled: "Proclaim God's Marvelcy." He thanked the Convention for the marvelous support of Shaw.

Representatives of North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company were on hand to pay special tributes to Dr. Bullock. Dr. John H. Grant, Vice President at Large followed with a glowing tribute on behalf of the Convention.

Deacon Horace Smith, Chairman of the Martin Street Baptist Church's Deacon Board presented a monetary gift from the church. Stephanie Sanders, who is president of the Ladies Auxiliary, presented a gift to Dr. Shirley Bullock.

Dr. Percy High of Durham, who is a former member of Martin Street Baptist Church since his childhood, paid a special tribute to the outgoing president. He announced that a special offering would be taken for Dr. Bullock. He challenged the ministers to take the lead.

The highlight of the Morning Session was Dr. Bullock's address. He was presented before the Shaw Choir sang its final selection. Dr. Bullock began by thanking the Shaw Choir and the officers. In fact, he presented his wife a bouquet of blue roses and thanked her for the strong support she had given him during his four-year tenure as president. He then presented an award to each of the officers who served.

"We give God the Glory," he said in the beginning. "We have 1,600 churches in North Carolina with a total membership of over 5000,000. By the way, 87% of the money has been spent on programs."

Dr. Bullock chose his topic from Judges 6:12-17, and it was as follows: "Commissioned by God." He began by reminding the audience about the Israelites and how they worshipped Baal and other idol gods. He also read Psalm 139. God called Gideon to deliver the Israelites, but first had to get Gideon's attention. God told him to go, and "I am with thee." "God is and will be with us," stated Dr. Bullock. "We must have a relationship with God," he continued. "We all need the Holy Spirit."

Dr. Bullock commended Reverend Haywood Gray and talked about his great work with the Convention. He reflected on the condition of the Convention when he and reverend Gray began their work. They did not allow fear to stop them from working or to hold them back. He reminded his audience that fear is a dangerous thing. They stepped out on faith. They had some good days referring to the General Baptist Convention. However, there were some sleepless nights.

In conclusion, "Gideon was successful in delivering the Israelites out of the hands of the Midianites. Through faith in God, work and prayer, the Baptist Convention has been delivered also."

Some 1,500 voting delegates were present for the election which was scheduled for 1:30 P. M. There were workshops on "Health Awareness," "Tobacco-Free Environments," "Long Term Health Care," and "Taking Control of Our Lifestyles."

The election was delayed, and there had to be a Runoff Election. It was late afternoon when the first Election ended, so it was late when the final results were known.

The new president of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. is Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr., of Charlotte.

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- Must be a preacher and teacher of the word of God.
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- Must have excellent communication skills
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- Must visit the sick and community outreach
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- Promote the Church's involvement in the association and state convention.
- Must be willing to submit to a Background check.
- All interested applicants should submit a resume with cover letter, short biographical sketch and a copy of your Ministerial license to the following address:

Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church • Attention: Sonja Gause, Pulpit Committee Chairperson~ • P.O. Box 334~Cerro Gordo, NC 28430

> All resumes must be received by February 28, 2007

PASTOR VACANCY

Baptist Union Missionary Baptist Church • 1483 Sandhill Road • Hope Mills, NC 28348

Baptist Union Missionary Baptist Church is seeking a pastor with strong Baptist roots to lead a small congregation. Baptist Union Church has over 105 years of rich Christian history. We are affiliated with the Union Baptist Association and the General Baptist State Convention.

Applicants who want to be considered for this position should possess the following:

- Must be a born again Christian, spirit-filled, divinely called with strong family and community ties.
- Must be able to teach as well as preach God's Word and have a broad knowledge of Baptist doctrine.
- Must be at least 35 years old and have at least 4 years of pastoral experience.
- Minimal educational background: Some college with training in theology.
- Demonstrate efficient leadership skills to promote effective church operations, policies and procedures. Must be willing to follow guideline established by the church's bylaws.
- Must be willing to submit to a criminal background check and furnish credit report.
- Must be able to share his vision for the spiritual growth of the church.

Kindly submit all resumes and copies of license and ordination to the following address:

Pastor Search Committee • Baptist Union Missionary Baptist Church
P.O. Box 250 • Hope Mills, NC 28348

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"Come ye yourselves apart into a quit place and rest a while."
Mark 6:31.

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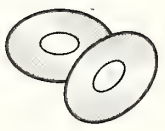
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Spring Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Inc. of Wagram, NC is currently accepting applications for a pastor with strong Baptist roots. We are affiliated with the Pee Dee Missionary Baptist Education Association and the General Baptist State Convention. Applicants who want to be considered for this position must have the following:

- Born Again Christian/Spirit Filled pastor/minister who is interested in winning souls to Christ and demonstrates it through the teaching and preaching of God's word
- Licensed and Ordained as a Baptist pastor/minister with a minimum of five years of actual pastoral experience
- Have excellent leadership skills with a broad knowledge of the Baptist Doctrine, Baptist Polity, church policies and procedures and possess willingness to follow the by-laws governing the Church
- Be able to Teach as well as Preach God's Word
- Be concerned with the spiritual and intellectual growth of the Church
- Possess sound budget/financial management skills
- Skilled, compassionate Counselor and willing to counsel the members of the congregation
- A person with high moral integrity, have a humble spirit, and not argumentative or overbearing
- Have a Bachelor's Degree in Religion, Theology, or Divinity from an accredited college, university, or divinity school
- Have the ability to work with all age groups in the congregation
- Have a vision for the growth of the Church
- Demonstrate a compassionate approach to visiting members (including sick, shut-in, the needy and bereaved families)
- Live a Christian life inside and outside the Church
- Be willing to submit to a police background check

All applicants should mail the following to the address below:

Resume, Brief biographical sketch, Official transcripts, three reference letters which include their home address, telephone number, and e-mail address.

Mail all application materials to: Pastor Search Committee
Deacon W. G. Matthews, Chair
Spring Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Inc.
Post Office Box 148Wagram, North Carolina 28396

LIBERTY HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

WAXHAW, NORTH CAROLINA

Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Waxhaw, North Carolina is currently seeking a Pastor who is ordained, licensed, spiritual leader, counselor and teacher.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2007

Candidate will meet the following qualifications:

- Full of the Holy Ghost, wisdom and knowledge. Be of good reputation.
- Must be married and have strong family values.
- Must be willing to work with all ages groups, especially the youth of the church.
- Male or female with at least 3 years of more of pastoral experience.
- Must have knowledge of Baptist doctrines, church policies, and procedures and be willing to follow them.
- Must be willing to visit the sick and shut-in and bereaved families.
- Must exhibit leadership skills that are not dictatorial.

All applicants should provide the following information:

- Copy of high school diploma, college degree(s), certificates of license and ordination.

Name, address and telephone number of four references:

- 2 personal
- 2 coming from other ministers

All material should be forward to:

Mr. James Kilgo, Deacon chairman, Pulpit Committee
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Ellerbe Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor Vacancy Advertisement

Qualifications:

- Born again Christian
- Lives a sincere Christian life
- Ordained by Baptist Denomination
- Honest good role model of moral conduct
- Is faithful in doing and carrying out the functions of the church and has the ability to teach and preach God's word.
- Pastoral worship every Sunday
- Has Training in Theological and/or seminary
- Working experience with all age groups in church
- Family and community oriented
- Believes/abides by Baptist Doctrines and Church Covenant and is supportive of the General Baptist State Convention
- Ability to enhance spiritual and intellectual growth of the church
- Exemplify good communication, leadership, administrative and counseling ability
- Visionary and trained in setting goals for the continued growth of the church
- Pastoral experience of at least 3-5 years
- Must be willing to submit to background check
- References/resume

Ellerbe Grove Missionary Baptist Church
Pastoral Search Committee
Attention: Deacon LeRoy Crowder, Jr., Chairman • P O Box 1162 • Hamlet, N. C. 28345

MINISTER OF MUSIC

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church • 501 Burke Street • Monroe, N C

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church is seeking a Minister of Music. The applicant should possess a passion for God, His Word, and people.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

1. Born again Christian, Spirit-filled and gifted in music.
2. Ability to prepare choirs for Sunday morning worship services and other services.
3. Ability to teach music and conduct workshops
4. Rehearse with all choirs of the church once a week
5. Accompany pastor, choirs on engagements to other churches
6. Ability to select appropriate hymns and songs for worship services
7. Must be available for all Sunday worship services
8. Work with all choirs, especially children and youth choirs

Interested persons should send o letter of interest, resume ond o recorded tape or CD of work to:

Music Committee
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
P O Box 945
Monroe, NC 28111

Deadline to Apply: Open until filled

St John Missionary Baptist Church

Rev. Herbert C. Scott, Pastor

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Qualifications:

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- Good Leadership ability
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- Perform other duties as assigned

Send resume and letter of reference(s) to:

St John Missionary Baptist Church
Attention Music Ministry Committee
PO Box 119
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~ Martin Luther King Jr., "Strength to Love", 1963

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"To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced ... through Education Missions and Fellowship," *Matthew 28:19-20*

By Reverend Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr., President GBSC

Grace and peace be unto you, my beloved General Baptist Family.

The holidays are now behind us, we look forward to a great and exciting work in 2007. In January, our GBSC family assembled in Greenville, North Carolina for our annual Martin Luther King Banquet, and the one day session of Woman's Auxiliary. We offer our thanks to Old Eastern for their warm hospitality, welcoming spirits and willingness to leave no stone unturned during our visit to eastern North Carolina.



Reverend Dr. Gregory K. **Moss, Sr.**

If the convention is to advance the cause of Christ, His mission and ministry, we must honor God with our praise and worship. With that in mind, this administration embraced the idea of launching the next four years with a consecration and commitment worship. We are indebted to our powerful orator, Dr. Joseph Samuels and to all who contributed their time and talent to this historic celebration. To God be the glory and may He continue to guide us during this tenure.

Throughout this month of February, we encourage our GBSC family to celebrate the rich and storied history of African Americans. It is our task to continue to "tell our story" passing it on both orally and in writing to our young and others of different cultures who may not be familiar with our plight. The story of the Black Church and the GBSC, in particular, must be included in conversation and discussion about our history. Historian A. T. Griffey intends to bring the GBSC story to the forefront, from our beginning and up to our most recent history.

Finally, on February 4th-6th, a retreat has been planned with an emphasis on team-building and visioning. Elected and appointed officials are invited and expected to participate. It is designed to foster better cooperation, fellowship, relationships between the parent body, auxiliaries, committees and commissions. We solicit your prayers as we seek to strengthen our witness by working in concert and better positioning our convention to assist our associations and local churches.

Our Executive-Secretary Haywood T. Gray and his staff continue to operate at a high level. They deserve our prayers and support. Let us not be weary in our efforts to support our convention's thrust and objectives prayerfully and financially. We are committed to a high level of accountability and responsibility as it relates to your gifts. Thank you for allowing us to serve you through this work.

May God continue to bless each and every one, and may God continue to bless the GBSC.



Outstanding African Americans

Outstanding African Americans profiled. They are superb role models for our youth. They are worthy of admiration and imitation. Top Row from left: Raymond H. Boone, Coretta Scott King, Roger L. Gregory, Benjamin S. Ruffin. Bottom Row from left: Donald J. Campbell, Joe Kennedy, Jr., Mary T. Christian.

The General Board



Dr. Howard **Parker, Jr.**

From Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr., Vice President At Large

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Annual Session was conducted in Winston-Salem on October 30, 2006 - November 2, 2006 at the Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem, NC. Member churches of the Convention had the responsibility, as they do every four years, to elect new Officers during the 139th Annual Session. The installation service of the new Officers of the Convention and those of our auxiliaries were held on Thursday, November 2, 2006 at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Dr. Serenus T. Churn Pastor.

Please permit me to express my appreciation to the pastors, ministers, members and delegates of the GBSC for affording me the opportunity to serve you for the next four years as your Vice President At Large of the GBSC. I assure you that I do not take this privilege lightly.

The General Board will have 127 personalities who will make up the Board from across the state. I ask for the prayers of the General Baptist Family for the work of our Convention under the leadership of our President Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr.

I pray that the God of Heaven will continue to bless the churches of the GBSC and that we will be found working for the Kingdom using our time, talents and means. If at any time you wish to contact me, my email address is: shmbaptist@earthlink.net.

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To General Baptist Family

From Dr. Nilous M. Avery, II, First Vice-President

Grace and peace to you from God our head-lifter, soul-keeper, peace-provider, and eternal refuge.

I thank God because I have "heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints ..." (Colossians 1:4, NIV). I thank God because in the midst of a world that often encourages and embraces a "look out for #1" attitude, the body of Christ continues to serve as a model of true stewardship.



Dr. Nilous **Avery, II**

Christian stewardship is based upon the principle that God is the owner and we are managers of God's creation. The psalmist clearly states: "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it ..." (Psalm 24:1). The spiritual body of Jesus the Christ, the church, was founded upon the principle of loving and giving. God so loved the world that God gave Jesus, God's only son, to the world and for the world (John 3:16).

Christian living is based upon loving and giving. One Old Testament prophet suggested that the failure to give a certain percentage of one's possessions for God's work is thievery and robbery — stealing from God what rightfully belongs to God (Malachi 3:8-10). Jesus the Christ taught His followers to give, promising them rich spiritual blessings in return (Luke 6:38). The apostle Paul implored Christians to give to God's work, not reluctantly or grudgingly, but with a cheerful, grateful, purposeful, and liberal heart (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Most individuals, particularly Christians, must be challenged to become better stewards of all that God has enabled them to possess.

In other words:

- Our confession must be matched by our character;
- Our profession must be matched by our performance;
- Our shouting must be matched by our sharing;
- Our church service must be matched by our community service;
- Our worship must be matched by our work & witness;
- Our living must be matched by our giving;
- Our forgiveness from God must be matched by our forgiveness of others;
- Our upreach must be matched by our outreach;
- Our claim of inner grace must be matched by our outward show of goodness toward others;
- Our blessings from God must be matched by our blessings shared with others!

Jesus spoke of those who need to experience the helping and healing hands of Christian stewards who are committed to the cause of the Christ (Matthew 25:35-36). I am confident that the General Baptist family is a collection of individuals, churches, and associations who are faithful stewards.

Please endeavor to become a beacon of light in the work of God through your sacrificial support of the General Baptist State Convention.

"To the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen." (Romans 16:27, NIV).

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"Invasion from Heaven"

Dr. Ricky L. Banks,
Third Vice-President

"Suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a mighty wind and it filled the entire house" (Acts 2:2).



Rev. Ricky **Banks**

The sound was more than mere sound. It became almost tangible to them. Indeed, the noise that sounded like wind whistling in the distance proved to be wind and blew in on them so that they felt what they heard. The blowing, whistling wind illustrates the pervasiveness of the Holy Spirit, which reached and affected everyone in that first Christian congregation.

They did not just each go their separate ways, do each their separate things as they liked — no, they had each subjected themselves to another matter and they were all with one accord gathered on that day in one place. They all received on that day the promised gift of holy spirit which was poured out on Pentecost.

That power is still with us and operating on the earth.

News From Shaw University
Divinity School
Raleigh, North Carolina

Shaw Divinity School
34th Annual
Ministers' Conference
March 19-23, 2007
2007 Conference Theme:
"Prophetic Preaching - Speaking Truth to World, Domestic and Local Issues"

Monday 3/19/07

1:00pm, Conference Registration Opens, 1st Floor Leonard Hall
Visiting Vendors
7:00pm - 10:00pm, Monday Opening Evening Worship, Dr. Gardner C. Taylor

Tuesday 3/20/07

8:00am - 8:30am, Devotional, Dr. Mikael Broadway
8:30am - 9:30am, Morning Workshop
9:30am - 11:00am, Morning Worship, Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr.
11:30am - 12:30pm, Distinguished Alumni Service and Preacher, Rev. Dr. Linda Bryan
12:30pm - 12:45pm, Conference Photograph (Chris Hinton)
12:45pm - 1:15pm, Shaw University Divinity School Alumni Roundup and Business Meeting
1:15pm - 2:15pm, Luncheon In The Cafeteria
3:30pm - 5:00pm, Preaching Workshop (Preaching Faculty)
5:00pm - 6:30pm, Dinner on Your Own
7:00pm, Evening Worship, Rev. Dr. Charles Booth

Wednesday 3/21/07

8:00am - 8:30am, Devotional, Dr. Andrew Mbuvi
8:30am - 9:30am, Morning Workshop
10:00am - 11:30am, Morning Worship, Rev. Dr. William H. Curtis
12:00pm - 1:30pm, Lunch On Your Own
1:30pm - 3:00pm, Rev. Dr. Joel Gregory
3:30pm - 5:00pm, Preaching Workshop
5:00pm - 6:30pm, Dinner on Your own
7:00pm - 10:00pm, Evening Worship, Rev. Dr. James Forbes

Thursday 3/22/07

8:00am - 8:30am, Devotional, Dr. Joseph Bryant
8:30am - 9:30am, Morning Workshop
10:00am - 11:30am, Morning Worship, Rev. Dr. Kevin Cosby
12:00pm - 1:30pm, Lunch On Your Own
1:30pm - 3:00pm, Rev. Dr. Jasmin Sculark
3:30pm - 5:00pm, Preaching Workshop
5:00pm - 6:30pm, Dinner on Your own
7:00pm - 10:00pm, Evening Worship, Rev. Dr. Claude Alexander
Musical (Dr. Tripp)

Friday 3/23/07

8:30am - 10:30am, Prayer Breakfast

All His Energy

Dr. A.T. Griffey, III,
Historian, GBSC

When the Apostle Paul met Jesus on the road to Damascus, his life was forever changed. Prior to meeting Jesus, Paul was "breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples" (Acts 9:1). After the encounter with Jesus and being filled with the Holy Spirit, Paul "began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God" (Acts 9:20).



Dr. A.T. **Griffey, III**

Paul had been given the task of preaching the gospel of God's grace through faith in Jesus — and he would do so for the remainder of his life. But Paul would endure many trials along the way. He faced those who desired to take his life and others who simply refused to listen to his message ... but he continued on. Colossians 1:29

"To this end I labor, struggling with all His energy, which so Powerfully works in me."

Paul "labored" and "struggled" with the task he had been given. But rather than rely on his own strength and abilities, Paul learned to labor with the energy of Christ.

The word Paul used for "energy" refers to the active working of God's power. Paul used this same word to describe the power all believers. "That power is like the working {energy} of his mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at the right hand in the Heavenly realms" (Ephesians 1:19-20).

There will be times of overwhelming adversity when God simply takes charge and directly fights the enemy. But, for the majority of our journey, God directs us to continue the daily labor of accomplishing his work. Jesus said the burden of this work will be greatly eased As we learn to attach ourselves to Him and walk by His side; "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matthew 11:30).

We only fail when we fail to trust; "I can do EVERYTHING through Him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13).

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Reflecting His Love Through Missions

By Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. Bronnie Daniels, President, WBH & FMC



Bronnie **Daniels**

Praise to God and thanks to you for our One-Day Session blessings in January.

February is known as Love and African-American month. As African-American Christians, along with other Christians, let us never forget or forsake Him. Jesus is the author and finisher of redemptive history. As believers in Jesus Christ, we are members of the Body of Christ. Jesus is THE HEAD of the Church. The HEAD sets the plan of action for His Body. Thus He has said, "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

Reviewing the life of Jesus, to love God is to obey God, this love leads us to be compassionate toward others: whether you are rich, poor, blind, deaf, demented, hungry, demonic, naked, dislocated, disinherited, saved, or unsaved. His Love demolishes spiritual, physical, mental, and social barriers. "Does Jesus Care?" Yes, Jesus cares, I know He cares!" In whomever the Spirit of Jesus dwells and energizes there is Love, for it is written: "that he who loves God must Love his brother also" — 1 John 4:21.

Standing in His faith, as His missionaries allow the Love of Jesus Christ within us to raise our conscious level of concern, so that we minister more effectively, compassionately to and with whomever He commands not only in February but during this entire new fiscal year.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Reminders

1. Self Denial Envelopes. Please write to the Woman's Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602 in order to receive these, or fax your request to 919-833-7599.

2. Housing Reservation Forms. Please contact the Woman's Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602 for the 123rd Annual Session WBHFMC forms.

3. State-Wide Leaders' Workshop, April 14, 2007. Pre-Registration will be $10.00; On-site, $11.00. Pre-Registration deadline is March 12, 2007. Please contact us if you do not receive information. The State-Wide Leaders' Workshop will be held at St. Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte, in April 14, 2007.

4. Budget for 2006-2007 is $819,055.00 which will be distributed among the objectives. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention or Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.



Dr. Priscilla **Brodie**

5. Quotas 2006-2007 are being sent out to church missionary circle presidents or a contact person. If your church has not received a suggested quota, please write the Woman's Convention at P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602. Or contact the Convention Office immediately at (919) 833-4823. Please give us the name of contact person, mailing addresses and telephone number, and the name and location of church. Missionary Unions, Auxiliaries and District Conferences will receive quotas this year also.

Upcoming Events

February 10, 2007 - Congress One Day Session • February 24, 2007 - Ushers One Day Session
Benton Convention Center, Winston Salem, NC

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 John S. Rock becomes the first African-American attorney to practice before the United States Supreme Court. (1865)	**2** African American Scientist Ernest E. Just receives the first NAACP Spingarn Medal. (1915)	**3** Bill White is named the first African American President of Baseball's National League. (1989)
4 Civil Rights Activist Rosa Parks is born (1913)	**5** African American inventor Willie Johnson is issued patent for invention of the egg beater. (1884)	**6** African American tennis legend and human rights activist Arthur Ashe dies. (1993)	**7** African American ragtime composer and performer Eubie Blake is born (1883)	**8** 18 year old San Jose native Debi Thomas becomes the first African American to win the women's Senior Singles US Figure Skating Championship (1986)	**9** Black dialect poet Paul Laurence Dunbar dies. (1906)	**10** Ron Brown is elected the first African American Chairperson for the Democratic Party. (1989)
11 ANC Leader and Human Rights Activist Nelson Mandela is released from South African prison after 27 years of confinement. (1990)	**12** NAACP Founded (1909)	**13** National Negro Baseball League is organized. (1920)	**14** Valentine's Day Abolitionist Leader Frederick Douglass is born. (1817)	**15** Jazz Legend Nat King Cole dies. (1965)	**16** World renowned actor Levar Burton, famous for his portrayal of Kunta Kinte in Alex Haley's Roots, is born. (1957)	**17** Black Panther Party Leader Huey P. Newton is born. (1942)
18 Toni Morrison, the first African American to win Nobel Prize in Literature, is born (1931)	**19** President Bill Clinton grants a posthumous pardon to Henry O. Flipper, the first black West Point graduate, reversing Flipper's racially motivated discharge. (1999)	**20** Sidney Poitier, the first African American man to win an Academy Award, is born. (1927)	**21** Ash Wednesday * Civil Rights Leader Malcolm X is assassinated. (1965)	**22** Renowned author, abolitionist and suffragist Frances Ellen Watkins Harper dies . (1911)	**23** Civil Rights Leader WEB DuBois is born. (1868)	**24** Daniel Alexander Payne, the first African American President of an American College, is born. (1811)
25 Hiram Rhoades Revels is sworn in as the first African American United States Senator. (1870)	**26** The Fifteenth Amendment guaranteeing that the right to vote will not be denied on the basis of race is passed by Congress. (1869)	**27** Charlotte Ray, who is the first African American woman lawyer, graduates from Howard University. (1872)				

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

To: Subscribers of the Baptist Informer
From: Mrs. Portia H. Brandon, Managing Editor
Re: Renewing Your Subscription

Greetings and Peace! We hope that you have been enjoying the Baptist Informer with its wonderful articles and updates on the events within the churches of the General Baptist State Convention.

This announcement is to let you know that we are in the process of updating and correcting our database of subscribers to the Baptist Informer. Soon, we will be monitoring subscription expiration dates and ending subscriptions when they expire.

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Excellent question! Think of State Missions as the gas that runs the car. Without gasoline (and without State Missions), the car won't run (and the Convention cannot operate). Our State Missions expenses fall into two categories: OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING.

OPERATIONS include:

Parent Body and Auxiliary Officers Honoraria and Expenses, Staff Salaries and Benefit, Attorneys, Accountants and Consultants Fees, Computer Maintenance, Office Supplies, Office Machines, Postage and Shipping, Property, Workers Comp, and General Liability Insurance, Printing of books, brochures, newspaper, announcements, programs, and flyers; Expenses to operate the Baptist Headquarters including gas, water, electricity, telephones, janitorial, trash disposal, security, and upkeep; Expenses to operate the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill including gas, electricity, telephones, custodial services, lawn upkeep and grass cutting, heating & air conditioning maintenance, plumbing, upkeep of swimming pool, and certified pool operators and life guards.

Expenses for each Session of the Parent Body and Auxiliaries which includes: Rental of facilities like convention centers, printing of materials for Sessions, preparation of registration kits and badges, staff travel to make arrangement for host pastors and host Churches, lodging for staff and special guests. Banquet costs including food, rental of space, service fees, mailings, publicity and advertising, awards and plaques.

ALMOST $700,000.00 IS NEEDED FOR OPERATIONS EACH YEAR. ALMOST $160,000.00 IS NEEDED FOR PROGRAMMING EACH YEAR.

The Annual One Day Session of the Congress of Christian Education

Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention

Saturday, February 10, 2007

8:00 a.m.: Registration
9:00 a.m.: Opening Assembly
9:45 - 11:50 a.m.: Youth Assembly Program
9:45 - 11:50 a.m.: Classes

DIVISION 1: Ministerial Development
Ministerial Ethics: The Pastor's Pastor Dr. Aaron Johnson
Leading the Church through Transition:
The Associate Minister, the Assistant Pastor and the Interim Pastor Dr. J.C. Harris

DIVISION 2: Leadership Development
Re-Thinking Christian Education Mrs. Portia Brandon
Dealing with Church Conflict Dr. James Smith
Parliamentary Procedure Rev. Reginald Wells
Church Leadership during Pastoral Transition Dr. Matthew Rouse
Leadership Development (Certification Class) Dr. M.L. Kauffman

DIVISION 3: The Sunday School
The Sunday School with an Intentional Mission and Goal Mr. Frank Byrd

DIVISION 4: Evangelism and Mission
The Church Reaching the Surrounding Community Rev. Daryl Ferguson

DIVISION 5: Teachers' Training and Development
Ministering to Adult Students Rev. James Lewis
Ministering to High School Students (Grades 9-12) Dr. Stanley Richardson
Ministering to Middle School Students (Grades 6-8) Rev. Tomi King
Ministering to Older Elementary School Students (Grades 3-5) Ms. Daine Newell
Ministering to Younger Elementary School Students (Grades 1-2) Ms. Reater Warren
Ministering to Preschool Students (Pre K - Kindergarten) Ms. Yvonne McGraw

DIVISION 6: Youth Ministry
Oratorical Contest Interest Mrs. Trumilla McDowell, Ms. Debbie Moore

DIVISION 7: Biblical & General Studies
Biblical Studies (Certification Class) Dr. A. T. Griffey
Unshakable Faith: A Practical to New Testament Theology Dr. Hinton

DIVISION 8: Music Ministry
Developing Your Music Ministry Rev. David Eggleston

DIVISION 9: Youth Division
Youth Assembly Program (North Exhibit Hall) Dr. M.L. Kaufman, Mrs. Betty Adams, Dr. Roosevelt Baxter

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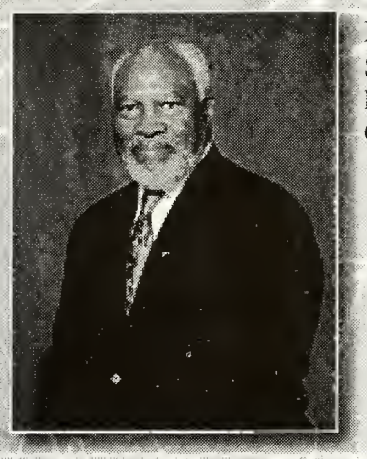
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Pastor Anthony Cox, Program Host

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"From Jerusalem to Judea"
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Pastor Elijah Crandol, Program Host

December 17, 2006
"Beginning at Jerusalem"
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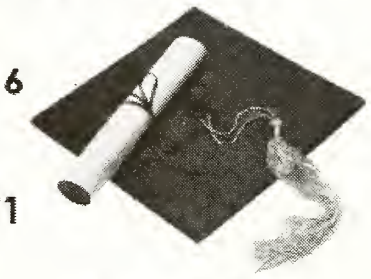
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Rev. Dr. William Horton



Died Jan. 6, 2007

The Rev. Dr. William C. Horton, former pastor of Best Grove Missionary Baptist Church and past-moderator of the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Association, died in High Point on Saturday, January 6, 2007.

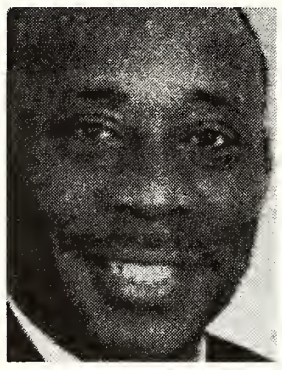
An inspirational wake was held at Saint Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

Funeral services was held at Glad Tidings Church, 4621 Country Club Road, Morehead City. The Mass Choir of Bear Creek M.B. Association provide music.

State Senator Robert Holloman

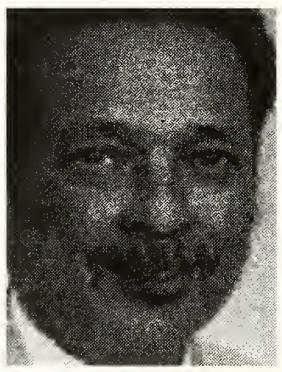
State Sen. Robert Holloman, recently elected to his third term, died Monday, January 8, 2007, at age 53.

Holloman, who lived in Ahoskie, was a pastor at Nebo Missionary Baptist Church in Murfreesboro.



He represented seven northeastern North Carolina counties.

State Representative Howard Hunter Jr.



State Rep. Howard Hunter Jr., a Democrat from Hertford County who was elected to a 10th term in November, died Sunday, January 7, 2007.

Hunter, who ran a funeral home in Ahoskie, represented the northeastern counties of Bertie, Hertford, Gates, and Perquimans.

He served as vice chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

Rev. Robert Milhouse Sr.



GREENSBORO — The Rev. Robert L. Milhouse Sr., 62, died December 14, 2006, at Beacon Place Hospice of Greensboro.

A funeral service was on held at 1 p.m. on Monday at New Light Missionary Baptist Church in Greensboro.

Rev. Milhouse is survived by his wife Nina S. Milhouse of Greensboro, four sons, Robert Milhouse II of Monroe, N.C., Rodney Sellers, Clayton Chambers and Alonzo Chambers of Greensboro; six daughters, Roberta and Rovetta Milhouse of Raleigh, Melissa Sellers, Jessica, Francena and Stephanie Chambers of Greensboro; three brothers, Bobby Lucky of Wichita Falls, Texas, Jackie and James Lucky of Southern Pines; three sisters, Mary Coleman of Detroit, Mich., Elaine Thomas of Aberdeen, N.C. and Marilyn Bennett of Fayetteville, N.C.; and 24 grandchildren.

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Dear Friends and Supporters:

Thank you so very much for your contribution and/or support to my Campaign for President of the General Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc. We were unsuccessful in our bid to become President, but we were very proud of the campaign we conducted and we were encouraged by the support we received. Losing is not easy to accept but I was very proud of my friends and supporters who accepted the results with grace and poise. "The test of greatness is not how we act in winning but how we respond in losing."

I am encouraging all of us to support our new President, Dr. Gregory Moss and the General Baptist State Convention as we continue kingdom work.

The General Baptist State Convention is a great convention with a rich history and tradition and with our new leadership; I believe it will continue to be great.

Again, thank you so very much.

GBSC Takes "AIM" at Crime and Incarceration in 2007

Michael R. Smith, Sr.,
Anti-Crime and Incarceration Ministry

President Gregory K. Moss, Sr. announced at the General Board session held on Thursday, December 28, 2006 at Christian Faith Baptist Church (Dr. David C. Forbes, Sr., Pastor) in Raleigh, NC the reactivation of the GBSC's efforts to reach lives impacted by crime and incarceration. President Moss appointed Reverend Michael R. Smith, Sr. as the Chairman and Reverend Melvin B. Solomon as the Vice-Chairman in leading the GBSC's efforts in this mission field. Chairman Smith has begun our efforts by seeking out persons from around the state that are willing to work with this ministry. Secondly, the strategic name of this ministry will be known as the Anti-Crime and Incarceration Ministry (AIM). Thirdly, AIM will seek to provide education and training to GBSC churches in the four areas of (1) At-Risk Youth (Prevention), (2) In-Prison (Reaching), (3) Aftercare (Restoration), and (4) Victims of Crime (Reconciliation). Fourthly, Chairman Smith will be seeking the support of all GBSC moderators of associations to begin looking at scheduling AIM to come to your respective association to provide education and training for the churches of our great convention. Reverends Smith and Solomon are willing to come to our GBSC churches in order to promote and share with congregations about the priorities of AIM. The time is now to reach, reconcile, and restore lives impacted by crime and incarceration. This effort will require the building of a coalition of persons from the Department of Corrections, State Legislature/Judicial systems, community organizations, national prison ministries, and interested others. We are at a crisis stage in our state and nation when it comes to crime and incarceration. We must respond to the crisis with the compassion of Christ and effective ministries. Join us in taking AIM in 2007 at saving our at-risk youth, reducing crime in our neighborhoods, reaching the prisoner, restoring persons leaving prison, and reconciling/healing the victims of crime. AIM's theme for 2007 will be "Overcoming Evil With Good" taken from Romans 12:21. If you are led of the Holy Spirit and called to this needy field of ministry, you can contact Chairman Smith or Vice-Chairman Solomon at the contact information below. Our first AIM meeting date and place will be announced in the February 2007 edition of the Baptist Informer.

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"The Border is Here" Peacemaking and Immigration: Learn Ways to Share

Christ's hospitality with our brothers and sisters, be agents of reconciliation in our communities, and affect national policy, February 2-4 at The Church of Reconciliation in Chapel Hill. For more information about this event, co-sponsored by the NC Council of Churches, visit:

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President Attends Riegelwood Dedication

President Gregory K. Moss, Sr. and Executive Secretary-Treasurer traveled to Riegelwood, NC on Thursday, January 25 to assess recovery efforts in that community following the tornado of November 16. The President participated in the dedication of the first new home site being rebuilt on the site of the tornado. Rev. Darryl Todd (Pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Riegelwood) has been the GBSC's primary contact in the area. The President and Executive Secretary-Treasurer also attended a meeting of community volunteers and agencies that are coordinating relief efforts earlier in the day at Riegelwood Baptist Church.



Progress in the Riegelwood community is being made. The clean-up efforts are primarily finished and the community is now focusing on repair and rebuilding.

According to Pastor Todd, approximately 108 persons were affected by the disaster. The number of homes affected was 64, 32 people were hospitalized as a result of the storm, and 8 people died as a result of the tornado.

Local plans are to build fourteen (14) homes in the affected area over the next five months. Funds from the GBSC will assist in purchasing building permits, building supplies, appliances, and a month's supply of groceries once families move in.

At right, group gather for prayer at site of new home to be rebuilt in Riegelwood.



Riegelwood: November and January





Photo on the left shows Riegelwood community on the day after the storm when EST visited the area. Photo on right shows the same area after the cleanup. Notice the bright blue sky ... a sign in the heavens that God's grace abounds.



At left, foundation is dug for first home site.

The following photos were taken by the EST during his visit to Riegelwood on November 17, the day after the tornado



Please consider contributing to Riegelwood Relief through the GBSC. Send your checks to Baptist Headquarters.

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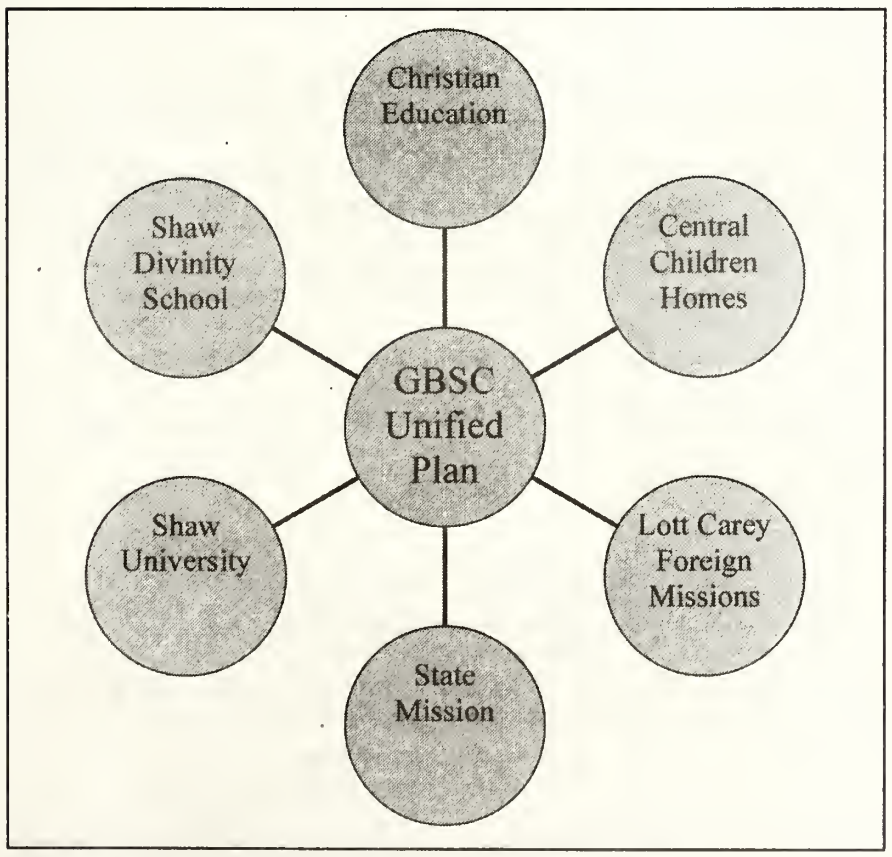
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5. Brown Assembly Dining Hall (cafeteria style, seats 200)

For more information, please contact us:
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PASTOR VACANCY

Baptist Union Missionary Baptist Church • 1483 Sandhill Rd. • Hope Mills, NC 28348

Baptist Union Missionary Baptist Church is seeking a pastor with strong Baptist roots to lead a small congregation. Baptist Union Church has over 105 years of rich Christian history. We are affiliated with the Union Baptist Association and the General Baptist State Convention.

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- Must be a born again Christian, spirit-filled, divinely called with strong family and community ties.
- Must be able to teach as well as preach God's Word and have a broad knowledge of Baptist doctrine.
- Must be at least 35 years old and have at least 4 years of pastoral experience.
- Minimal educational background: Some college with training in theology.
- Demonstrate efficient leadership skills to promote effective church operations, policies and procedures. Must be willing to follow guideline established by the church's bylaws.
- Must be willing to submit to a criminal background check and furnish credit report.
- Must be able to share his vision for the spiritual growth of the church.

Kindly submit all resumes and copies of license and ordination to the following address:
Pastor Search Committee • Baptist Union Missionary Baptist Church
P.O. Box 250, Hope Mills, NC 28348

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OBERLIN BAPTIST CHURCH, 806 Oberlin Rd., Raleigh, NC • 919-828-1707

Oberlin Baptist Church is seeking candidates for the position of Ministry of Music.

The ideal candidate:
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Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume. Please be sure to include relevant information such as telephone numbers, email address, three letters of reference with telephone numbers, addresses and other pertinent information.

Please send the completed packet to:
Music Committee, Oberlin Baptist Church, 806 Oberlin Rd., Raleigh, NC 27605

PASTOR VACANCY

Jones Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, 148 Jones Chapel Rd., Louisburg, NC

The Jones Chapel Missionary Baptist Church is seeking pastoral leadership.

Qualifications:
- Born again Christian
- Ordained by Baptist Denomination
- Theological/Seminary training
- Preferred married
- Must be willing to work with all ages
- Exemplify good communication leadership, administrative and counseling abilities
- Must be willing to submit to background check

Please send resume to:
Jones Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, Inc.
Pulpit Search Committee
148 Jones Chapel Rd., Louisburg, NC

MUSICIAN

Peace Missionary Baptist Church

Qualifications:
• Christian • Prior experience with church music • Ability to work cooperatively with all age groups • Ability to read and play by music (preferred) and by ear • Ability to play hymns • Familiar with a wide range of church music • Excellent interpersonal and communications skills • Committed to supporting the church's program

Job Description:
• Assist the Minister of Music in planning for the music department • Assist the Minister of Music in weekly rehearsals • Teach parts and work with a diverse group of choirs • Assist with some Saturday rehearsals • Accompany choirs to other churches when the Pastor or Minister of Music requests • Carry the entire worship service, if necessary • Perform other duties as assigned

Please send resume and letter of references(s) to:
Peace Missionary Baptist Church, Attention: Music Search Committee
2608 Apex Highway, Durham, NC 27713

PASTOR VACANCY

Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church is seeking a Pastor to lead the congregation. The Church is located in the south-eastern section of NC, in the small non-urban community of Cerro Gordon, NC. Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church is a member of the Lumber River Baptist Association and the General Baptist Convention. Applicants must have:

- Must have the Biblical qualities of a Pastor as defined in I Timothy 3:1-7.
- Must be licensed and ordained as a Baptist minister
- Earned a undergraduate degree from an accredited college.
- Must have attended a Theological or Seminary.
- Must be a preacher and teacher of the word of God.
- Must have exemplary leadership skills with a broad knowledge of the Baptist Doctrine, Baptist Policy, and procedures.
- Should be well versed in Roberts Rules of Order.
- Should have working knowledge of business and financial aspects of the church.
- Must be a compassionate counselor and willing to counsel the members of the congregation.
- Must have the ability and desire to work with all age groups within the church.
- Must have excellent communication skills.
- Should be able to recognize the diversity of talents in the church and have a willingness to help develop and use the spiritual gifts of the congregation.
- Must visit the sick and community outreach.
- Promote church growth.
- Must live or be willing to live in within a 60 mile radius of the church.
- Promote the Church's involvement in the association and state convention.
- Must be willing to submit to a background check.
- All interested applicants should submit a resume with cover letter, short biographical sketch and a copy of your Ministerial license to the following address:

Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church, Attention: Sonja Gause, Pulpit Committee Chariperson
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- Born Again Christian/Spirit Filled pastor/minister who is interested in winning souls to Christ and demonstrates it through the teaching and preaching of God's word
- Licensed and Ordained as a Baptist pastor/minister with a minimum of five years of actual pastoral experience
- Have excellent leadership skills with a broad knowledge of the Baptist Doctrine, Baptist Polity, church policies and procedures and possess willingness to follow the by-laws governing the Church
- Be able to Teach as well as Preach God's Word
- Be concerned with the spiritual and intellectual growth of the Church
- Possess sound budget/financial management skills
- Skilled, compassionate Counselor and willing to counsel the members of the congregation
- A person with high moral integrity, have a humble spirit, and not argumentative or overbearing
- Have a Bachelor's Degree in Religion, Theology, or Divinity from an accredited college, university, or divinity school
- Have the ability to work with all age groups in the congregation
- Have a vision for the growth of the Church
- Demonstrate a compassionate approach to visiting members (including sick, shut-in, the needy and bereaved families)
- Live a Christian life inside and outside the Church
- Be willing to submit to a police background check

All applicants should mail the following to the address below:

Resume, Brief biographical sketch, Official transcripts, three reference letters which include their home address, telephone number, and e-mail address.

Mail all application materials to: Pastor Search Committee
Deacon W. G. Matthews, Chair
Spring Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Inc.
Post Office Box 148Wagram, North Carolina 28396

LIBERTY HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

WAXHAW, NORTH CAROLINA

Liberty Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Waxhaw, North Carolina is currently seeking a Pastor who is ordained, licensed, spiritual leader, counselor and teacher.

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2007

Candidate will meet the following qualifications:

- Full of the Holy Ghost, wisdom and knowledge. Be of good reputation.
- Must be married and have strong family values.
- Must be willing to work with all ages groups, especially the youth of the church.
- Male or female with at least 3 years of more of pastoral experience.
- Must have knowledge of Baptist doctrines, church policies, and procedures and be willing to follow them.
- Must be willing to visit the sick and shut-in and bereaved families.
- Must exhibit leadership skills that are not dictatorial.

All applicants should provide the following information:

- Copy of high school diploma, college degree(s), certificates of license and ordination.

Name, address and telephone number of four references:

- 2 personal
- 2 coming from other ministers

All material should be forward to:

Mr. James Kilgo, Deacon chairman, Pulpit Committee
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Ellerbe Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor Vacancy Advertisement

Qualifications:

- Born again Christian
- Lives a sincere Christian life
- Ordained by Baptist Denomination
- Honest good role model of moral conduct
- Is faithful in doing and carrying out the functions of the church and has the ability to teach and preach God's word.
- Pastoral worship every Sunday
- Has Training in Theological and/or seminary
- Working experience with all age groups in church
- Family and community oriented
- Believes/abides by Baptist Doctrines and Church Covenant and is supportive of the General Baptist State Convention
- Ability to enhance spiritual and intellectual growth of the church
- Exemplify good communication, leadership, administrative and counseling ability
- Visionary and trained in setting goals for the continued growth of the church
- Pastoral experience of at least 3-5 years
- Must be willing to submit to background check
- References/resume

Ellerbe Grove Missionary Baptist Church
Pastoral Search Committee
Attention: Deacon LeRoy Crowder, Jr., Chairman • P O Box 1162 • Hamlet, N. C. 28345

MINISTER OF MUSIC

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church • 501 Burke Street • Monroe, N C

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church is seeking a Minister of Music. The applicant should possess a passion for God, His Word, and people.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS:

1. Born again Christian, Spirit-filled and gifted in music
2. Ability to prepare choirs for Sunday morning worship services and other services
3. Ability to teach music and conduct workshops
4. Rehearse with all choirs of the church once a week
5. Accompany pastor, choirs on engagements to other churches
6. Ability to select appropriate hymns and songs for worship services
7. Must be available for all Sunday worship services
8. Work with all choirs, especially children and youth choirs

Interested persons should send a letter of interest, resume and a recorded tape or CD of work to:

Music Committee
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
P O Box 945
Monroe, NC 28111

Deadline to Apply: Open until filled

St John Missionary Baptist Church

Rev. Herbert C. Scott, Pastor

We are interested in Minister of Music

Qualifications:

- Christian
- Good Leadership ability
- Dependable
- Ability to work with all age groups
- Open-minded
- Ability to read music, and play by ear.

Job Description .

- Assist the pastor in planning church services
- Teach and train a diverse group of choirs
- Accompany the pastor and choirs to other church functions
- Supervise the work of other musicians in the church
- Assist families in music foe weddings, and funeral
- Perform other duties as assigned

Send resume and letter of reference(s) to:

St John Missionary Baptist Church
Attention Music Ministry Committee
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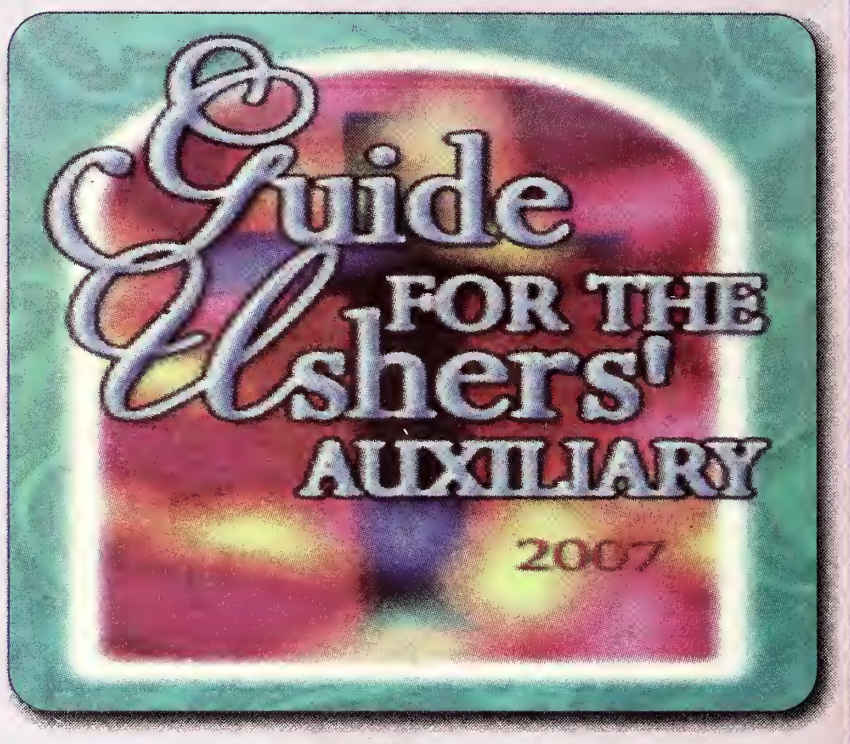
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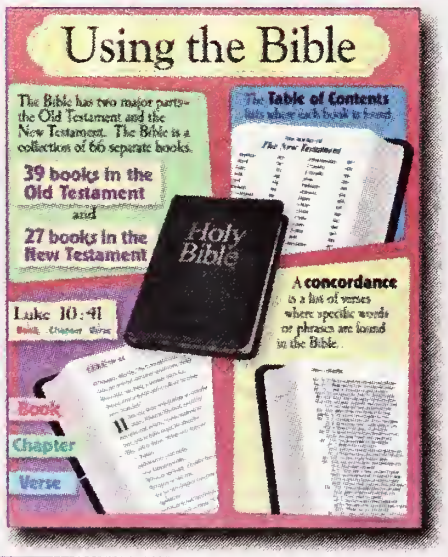
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"To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced...through Education, Missions and Fellowship," Matthew 28:19-20

By Reverend Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr.
President GBSC

Greetings to you my beloved General Baptist family.



Rev. Dr. Gregory K. **Moss, Sr.**

A couple of months into 2007 and we are off and running. The work of the Kingdom is moving forward. Since our last communication, ministry and team-building have taken center stage. Using the Consecration Celebration held in January in Charlotte as a platform, we've determined to make good on our commitments to our Convention by embracing ministry like never before.

In the realm of ministry, in February, EST Haywood Gray and I attended a strategy meeting at the invitation of Reverend Darryl Todd in Reiglewood, North Carolina. The meeting was held to discuss plans relating to the devastation left in the wake of tornados that ravaged the area destroying homes and causing eight fatalities. The Strategy Group consist of local clergy, laypersons and politicians. Since the storms with Reverend Todd at the helm, the group has provided stellar leadership, insuring each family's needs are addressed. The Strategy Group is well organized and approaches its daunting task with a since of purpose and enthusiasm that is to be admired. The families, group and Reiglewood community recognize the caring and merciful hand of God through the contributions and hands-on-help of persons from across the state and nation.

Following the meeting, we visited the actual site of the storm damage. There was excitement in the air as we gathered to pray and thank God for



renewal and restoration. Rebuilding has begun! The first of several new residences was laid out and expected to be completed within three months. Other homes will follow. Your contributions and prayers have not and will not return void. Thanks to you and others, Reiglewood, like a Phoenix is on the rise.

There is an excellent opportunity to participate in the ministry of rebuilding Reiglewood. If you are interested in helping to build the homes, please contact Reverend Todd at the St. John Missionary Baptist Church-910-655-8002. Although there remains much to be done, our continued support will insure our labor is not in vain. To God be the glory.



On February 4th, over sixty elected officials and committee appointees (including auxiliary presidents and their first vice-presidents) met in retreat at Atlantic Beach. The aim of the retreat was to foster fellowship and teamwork among those chosen to serve and promote the mission of G.B.S.C. Ulinda Forehand of Foresight Consultants, facilitated our team-building efforts. The last session of the retreat was spent on visioning. It is our desire to foster a collaborative spirit and to learn to work in concert with each auxiliary. If our convention is to provide "fresh water" for our constituents, we are challenged to work together more efficiently and effectively. This will require evaluation, self-assessment of our approach, methods of doing ministry and mission as a convention. It will require some change. Sometimes change is not easy, but change not addressed is destructive and counter-productive. Please pray for our leadership as we embark on this journey and begin the conversations that will propel us forward during these challenging, yet exciting times.



Dr. Haywood T. **Gray**
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Finally, please remember our purpose to support state missions and thanks for all you have done, are doing for General Baptist efforts. May God bless you and may God bless the General State Baptist Convention.

Vice Presidents

Dr. Nilous M. Amery, II, D. Min
First Vice-President

To the General Baptist Family



Dr. Nilous **Avery, II**

"To the [General Baptist Family] of God in [North Carolina], to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ…Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 1:2-3, NIV).

Jesus declared to His disciples in Matthew 5:14: "You are the light of the world." Jesus also promised His disciples they would receive God's power to accomplish what no other power on earth could do (Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4, 8). Through them, God's power would provide light to a world that was bound by the darkness of lesser powers. Through them, God's light would ***enable***, ***equip***, and ***empower*** them to be witnesses of the Christ, even "to the ends of the earth." The oppressive power of Roman imperialism was no match for the promised power the disciples would receive in order to serve as "the light of the world."

The same is true today. My sisters and brothers in the Lord, **YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD!**

No wonder the Apostle Paul could exclaim with confidence: "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20, NIV).

We receive this world-illuminating power from God through an intimate companionship and communion with the once crucified, but now risen Christ! With this power:

- we overcome weakness because God's power works through human weakness;
- we are rescued and healed; thus, we become rescuers and healers because God's power rescues and heals those who are handcuffed in the ruins of destructive experiences;
- we become a Christian community which reaches out to the least, the lost, those who are left out, looked over, and let down because God's power strengthens Christian communities.

The work of State Missions embraces numerous ministries that endeavor "to convince the unconvinced to be convinced." Two of these ministries are providing opportunities for the General Baptist family to shine our light. Under the leadership and insight of our President Dr. Gregory K. Moss, and Executive-Secretary Dr. Haywood T. Gray, the Evangelism Ministry and the Prison Ministry are preparing to empower and equip God's people to glorify God and edify others.

The Evangelism Ministry, under the coordination of Chair Dr. Robert E. Lee McGowan, is preparing for the upcoming Statewide Evangelism Conference. The conference will be held April 24th – 26th at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, Raleigh, where the Reverend Ronald Avery is Pastor. Classes, clinics, and worship will educate, enlighten, encourage, and equip God's people for evangelistic emphasis, outreach opportunities, and mission objectives. More information is included in this issue of the Baptist Informer.

The Prison Ministry, under the coordination of Chair Reverend Michael R. Smith, Sr., is forming the GBSC Anti-Crime Incarceration Ministry (AIM) work group/committee. Plans are being made to implement strategies to reach, reconcile, and restore lives impacted by crime and incarceration. More information is also included in this issue of the Baptist Informer.

Thank you General Baptists for shining your light and the opportunity to serve God and humanity. Please support the kingdom work of our convention through State Missions with your generous gifts of total stewardship (time, talent, treasure, temple, testimony). "The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love to all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen." (1 Corinthians 16:23-23, NIV). ■

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THEME: *"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness..."* (II Corinthians 6:7)

"A Faithful Prophet"

By Dr. Ricky L. Banks,
3rd. Vice-President To GBSC



Rev. Ricky **Banks**

Secret service men must spend much time in a city in preparation for a visit from the President of the United States. The city itself elaborately plans for the great day in honor of the man who holds that great position. Much excitement surrounds the city. All citizens recognizes the power and prestige of such a person when lengthy preparations take place before his arrival.

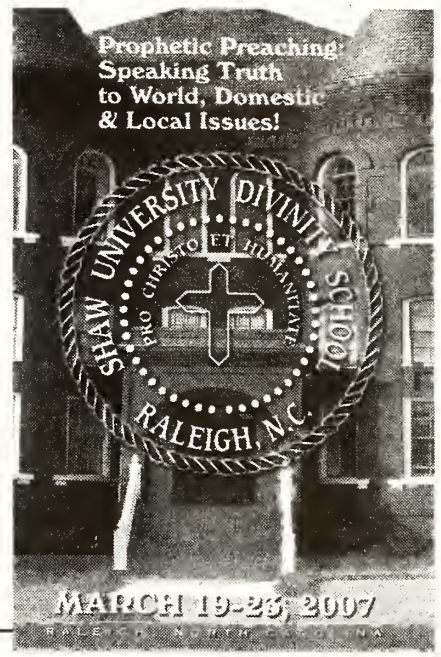
Born in a lowly manager, the Christ Child's coming to earth was noticed by only a few in the worls. No government went out of its way to prepare for Jesus' birth. The world failed to recognize what power and glory belonged to Him. His was a humble beginning of life on this earth.

His return to earth will be drastically different. The Son of Man will come on the clouds with power and great glory. Every eye shall see Him. Angels will accompany Him. A trumpet will sound. All will know He has come!

What are you doing to prepare for His second coming? How are you now giving Him the glory due Him? Are you awaiting His coming with excitement?

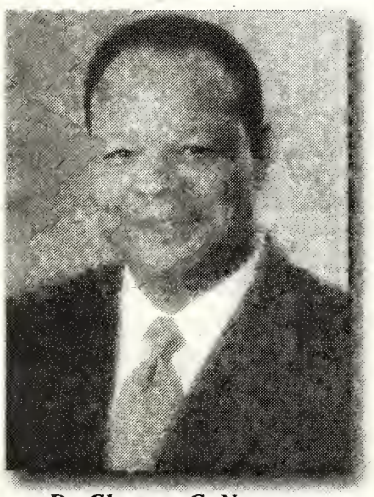
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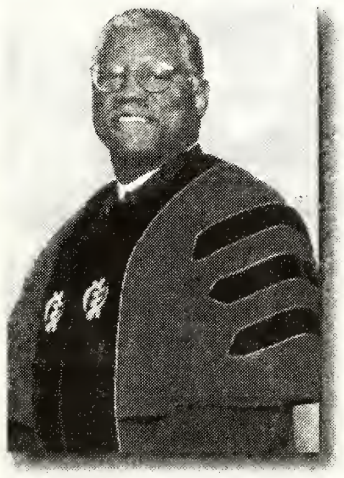




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SAVE THESE DATES

- 70th Annual Church Leadership Conference
 Saturday, June 16, 2007
- 1st Annual Jammin' for the Lamb Youth Conference
 Friday & Saturday, June 22 – 23, 2007
- 24th Annual Women's Conference
 Friday & Saturday, September 20 – 21, 2007
- 35th Annual Alexander/Pegues Ministers' Conference
 Monday - Friday, March 17 – 21, 2008

2007 SCHEDULE

Monday 3/19/07	Tuesday 3/20/07	Wednesday 3/21/07	Thursday 3/22/07	Friday 3/23/07
Shaw University Divinity School (SUDS) 34th Annual Alexander/Pegues Ministers' Conference Sponsors the Gardner C. Taylor Distinguished Preaching Series Theme: **Prophetic Preaching: Speaking Truth To World, Domestic & Local Issues!** Dates: **March 19-23, 2007** **1:00PM – 5:30PM** Conference Registration 1st Floor Leonard Hall **1:00PM – 3:00PM** Vendor Setup **3:00PM – 6:00PM** Vendors **7:00PM** Monday Evening Worship Service Distinguished Preacher Rev. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor	**8:00AM Devotional** **8:30AM -9:30AM** Morning Workshop **9:30AM – 11:00AM** Morning Worship Rev. Dr. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr. **11:30 – 12:30PM** Distinguished Alumni Service & Preacher Rev. Dr. Linda Bryan **12:30PM – 2:15PM** Conference Photograph & SUDS Alumni Luncheon and Roundup & Business Meeting **3:30 PM - 5:00PM** Preaching Workshop **5:00PM – 6:30PM** Dinner on your own **7:00PM** Tuesday Evening Worship Service: Rev. Dr. Charles E. Booth	**8:00AM Devotional** **8:30AM – 9:30AM** Morning Workshop **10:00AM – 11:30AM** Morning Worship Rev. Dr. William H. Curtis **12:00PM -1:30PM** Lunch on your own **1:30PM - 3:00PM** Rev. Dr. Joel Cliff Gregory **3:30PM - 5:00PM** Preaching Workshop **5:00PM – 6:30PM** Dinner on your own **7:00PM** Wednesday Evening Worship Service: Rev. Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr.	**8:00AM Devotional** **8:30AM – 9:30AM** Morning Workshop **10:00AM – 11:30AM** Morning Worship: Rev. Dr. Kevin W. Cosby **12:00PM -1:30PM** Lunch on your own **1:30PM - 3:00PM** Rev. Jasmin Scotark **3:30PM -5:00PM** Preaching Workshop **5:00PM – 6:30PM** Dinner on your own **7:00PM** Thursday Evening Worship Service: Rev. Dr. Claude R. Alexander, Jr.	**8:30AM – 9:30AM** Prayer Breakfast Panelist Discussion Panelists Include: World Issues: Rev. Dr. Tyrone Pitts Domestic Issues: Rev. Dr. Arlee Griffin Local Issues: Rev. Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr. **10:30AM – 12:00PM** ECUMENICAL HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE Preacher: Rev. Dr. Gary V. Simpson Shaw Divinity School Students will participate in the communion service.

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34th Annual Alexander/Pegues Ministers' Conference March 19-23, 2007

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Econo Lodge (Formerly the Fairfield Inn – Store # NC487)	2641 Appliance Court, Raleigh, NC 27604	(919) 856-9800 Or 1- (877) 228-5160	12 King 12 Double Non-Smoking (6pm Hold)	$51.00 King or Double Plus Tax	Person must call 2 weeks prior to stay to CONFIRM payment method
Red Roof Inn Ref # (B256Shaw)	1813 South Saunders Street, Raleigh, NC 27603	(919) 833-6005 Or 1- (800) 733-7663	25 Double Non-Smoking	$41.99 Plus Tax	RESERVE by 2/28/2007
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Mrs. Bronnie Daniels
President, WBH & FMC



Bronnie **Daniels**

In the previous month we emphasized love because of the special celebration. Nevertheless, perhaps we need to emphasize love also in this month. One of our study books relates to **Breaking Strongholds in the African American Family.** Certainly as we break strongholds in the family, church, or conventions, we must love. We must love (obey/trust) God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and we must love (care for with godly acts) our neighbors as ourselves. We are to show the LOVE OF GOD toward one another. Can we say truthfully we love God and hate others, thus causing strongholds? Hate, even cruel hate, seeks to bind or oppress others, whereas the LOVE OF GOD seeks to set one free from and of bondage or diabolic strongholds. If we were to follow the exemplified LOVE OF CHRIST, we would cause fewer hindrances for supporting and participating in Christian missions. For only what we do for Christ will last!

"More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee!..."
–Elizabeth Prentiss

"O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee, I give Thee back the life I owe, That in Thine o-cean depths its flow, May rich-, fuller be...."
–George Mathesan

Reminders

State-Wide Leaders' Workshop, April 14, 2007. Pre-Registration will be $10.00; On-site, $11.00.

Pre-Registration deadline is March 12, 2007. Please contact us if you do not receive information. The State-Wide Leaders' Workshop will be held at St. Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte, April 14, 2007. The session should begin at 9:00 A.M.; however on-site registration should begin at 8:00 A.M.

Please bring food (non-perishable) items for the North Carolina Food Bank North Carolina Young Adult Department. Please be sure that expiration dates have not expired.

2. **Housing Reservation Forms.** Please contact the Woman's Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602 for the 123rd Annual Session WBHFMC forms.

3. **Budget.** for 2006-2007 is $819,055.00 which will be distributed among the objectives. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention or Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina and sent to P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602. **Please be reminded that of the funds you send for objectives 2/3 should be sent for State Missions. State Missions funds provide all funds for the cost of all ministries and operations for home missions done with and for you in the conventional state-wide ministry.**

4. **Quotas 2006-2007** are being sent out to church missionary circle presidents or a contact person. If your church has not received a suggested quota, please write the Woman's Convention at P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602. Or contact the Convention Office immediately at (919) 833-4823. Please give us the name of contact person, mailing addresses and telephone number, and the name and location of church. Missionary Unions, Auxiliaries and District Conferences will receive quotas this year also. Please give as you are led and enabled by the Holy Spirit!

5. **Self Denial Envelopes.** Please write to the Woman's Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602 in order to receive these, or fax your request to 919-833-7599.

How great is the Godly Love and Strongholds

By Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Executive Secretary Treasurer

Announcement
(A New Ministry)!!!!
The WBH&FMC United Southern Assembly
(All Persons, named in purpose, from Districts V & VI)

Introductory Statement: For many a year the Woman's Convention has envisioned having getting acquainted/visionary meetings in different regions across the state. Thus under the leadership of President Daniels, the Woman's Convention seeks to implement this initiative.

Purpose(s): To inform pastors, church circles, missionary county unions, district conferences, auxiliaries, interested persons of the Mission of Jesus Christ through the Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Auxiliary to GBSC, in assisting witnessing and missions-in action across the state, country, and globe



Dr. Priscilla **Brodie**

To allow interaction or dialogue between WBH&FMC officials/representatives and the above mentioned constituency in four (4) different settings across the state (one setting per quarter)

To renew and/or cultivate new partners of missions for the Cause of Jesus Christ through/with the Woman's Convention

Attendees: All above named persons in Districts V & VI
Date: May 26, 2007
Time: 9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
Place: Lewis Chapel Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC

District Chairpersons:

District	Group	Chairperson
5	1	Mrs. Mattie Garmon
5	2	Mrs. C. Trumilla McDowell
6	1	Ms. Joyce A. Hardison
6	2	Mrs. Arvella Marlowe

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Lay Evangelism Conference

Saturday April 21, 2007 9AM

Deacon Harold Simmons

President of the National Baptist Laymen's Movement & his wife Mrs. Doris Simmons will be the Facilitators.

Theme: "Follow me, and I will make you Fishers of Men." Matthew. 4:19

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January 20, 2007

Deacon and Deaconess Workshop

Deacon Ministry

DEACON MINISTRY MANUAL

Baptist Deacons

Baptist believes that the process of selecting deacons involves the entire congregation. Although churches differ in regard to the details of the process, the common practice is for the entire church to vote on who will be selected as deacons.

In many churches, deacons are asked to evaluate and recommend major matters to be brought to the entire congregation for vote. Churches involve deacons in various ministries, such as visiting the sick, helping families in distress and providing relief to the poor.

Baptist Ordination

Baptists believe ordination does not endow a person with any special powers or authority. It is a means of indicating to churches and to the world in general that a person has been accredited as worthy to be a pastor or deacon.

Deacons In Scripture

A. The Office of Deacon Defined

The office of deacon was created in the early church for the purpose of enabling the pastor to minister the Word of God to the church body. (Acts 6:2-4) The word "diakanos" primarily means "one who serves at tables." Thus, we believe that the role of the deacon is to serve the Lord by caring for the physical and spiritual needs of the church body.

Standards of Life and Character

Selection to the office of deacon in the Baptist Church is based on the standards found in Acts 6 and I Timothy 3. These standards are essential to the services of the deacon.

Deacons in the New Testament

Stephen is the most significant Biblical example of a New Testament deacon. It is obvious from the context of Acts 6-7, that God mightily used Stephen in the 1st century Church. Stephen and the other deacons were men "full of the Spirit and wisdom" (v.3), elected by the church (v.5) and ordained by the apostles (v.6). The deacon's purpose was to perform tasks of service and ministry to the local church so that the Apostles would not have to "neglect the ministry of the word of God."

I. Deacons Ministry (1 Timothy 3:8-10, 12)

A. Their Personal Character (v. 8)

1. "Grave"—Dignified

One who serves as a deacon understands the seriousness of spiritual issues. The deacon should not be flippant or frivolous, or make light of serious matters.

2. "Not double-tongued"—Not a malicious gossip

What is a two-tongued person? A gossip-someone who is quick to discuss private matters. Also, such a person is apt to say one thing to one person and another to someone else to gain his or her own personal goals.

Because deacons are privy to certain private matters and grave spiritual issues, they need to know how to speak with integrity at the appropriate times.

3. "Not given to much wine"—Not a drunkard

The deacon should be known as someone who doesn't allow drink to influence his or her life.

4. "Not greedy of filthy lucre"—Not a greedy person

In New Testament times those who served in the church would be involved in passing out money to widows, orphans, and needy people. They would also be collecting money and dispensing it for various purposes to carry on the business of the church. There were no banks and audit firms, so every transaction was made in cash. The people who handled the money actually carried it in a little purse on their belt. The temptation was always present to use the money for one's own purposes. So an official servant in the church had to be free from the love of money.

B. Their Spiritual Life (v. 9)

"Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience."

A pure conscience exists only when a person lives out his biblical convictions.

C. Their Spiritual Service (v. 10a)

"Let these also first be proved [tested]; then let them use the office of a deacon."

D. Their Moral Purity (v. 10b, 12a)

1. Being blameless (v. 10b)
2. "Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife."

E. Their Home Life (v. 12b)

"Ruling their children and their own houses well."

Deacons need to demonstrate leadership in his home.. They must manage their children and possessions. They prove they have leadership ability by how capably they handle situations and solve problems in their home. They are to be models for everyone to follow.

DEACONESS MINISTRY

a. Reverent (11a)
b. Not slanderers (11b)
c. Temperate (11c)
d. Faithful in all things (11d)

The duties of the deaconess are as follows. First, support their spouse in their role as Spiritual leader. This may involve home visits and other tasks outside/inside the church. The Deaconess must be familiar with the church doctrines. She should also know the policies and practices of the church so that all of the officers can work in peace and harmony.

DEACONESS MINISTRY DESCRIPTIONS

PERSONAL SPIRITUAL CARE

1. Make regular calls on persons who are homebound
2. Make regular calls on persons who are hospitalized
3. Ministry to the grieving of all ages, whether because of death, divorce, unemployment, etc.
4. Long-term ministry to individuals and families with special needs in the congregation (mentally or physically disabled, imprisoned, hospice, etc.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

1. Teach and assist with confirmation instruction
2. Develop and teach Bible classes Coordinate Vacation Bible School

Congregational Care

1. Senior adult gatherings
2. Young married couples
3. Coordinate/direct family ministries
4. Ministry to inactives
5. Prayer chains
6. Community or church outreach (Meals on Wheels, food pantry, clothing bank)
7. Multi-cultural ministries appropriate to the area
8. Support groups for Alzheimer's, children of divorce, grief, etc.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

1. Design/implement support groups for young moms, widows, single moms, etc.
2. Coordinate programs to address women's wellness issues

WORSHIP

Assist with worship planning

YOUTH

1. Assist, guide and lead the board in meeting the needs of youth
2. Organize and lead well-rounded programs for youth
3. Develop and lead youth Bible studies
4. Be a leader, mentor, and motivator of our youth in Christian living

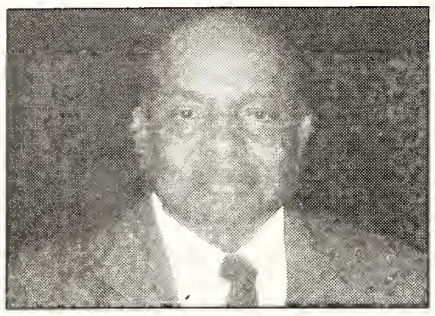
EVANGELISM

1. Develop and lead Evangelism groups and teams in order to call on visitors
2. Develop and keep current a welcome packet for visitors and community newcomers
3. Organize a team to visit new comers to the community
4. Develop a child evangelism program within the Sunday School
5. Develop public relations materials in order to promote the life and activity of the congregation to the community

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When he retired from active medical practice in 2001, Dr. George C. Debnam had practiced medicine for filthy years, delivered 11, 500 babies, and performed more than 4,000 surgical procedures. A native of Franklin County, NC. Dr. Debnam received a Bachelor of Science degree from Shaw University in 1947. His medical training at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee culminated when he earned the Doctor of Medicine degree. His beloved alma mater, Shaw, awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters upon him in 1978.

Dr. Debnam has given back to his alma mater. He is a Trustee of Shaw University, having served as Chairman. He chaired the University's Estey Hall Foundation, Inc. which led an eight million dollar renovation of historic Estey Hall. He also served on the Trustee Board at N.C. Central University.

His civic, social and professional affiliations number in the dozens. However, he is most proud to be a member and deacon at Christian Faith Baptist Church in Raleigh. In retirement, he has begun an active writing career publishing his first book, "God's Gifts: Mothers, in 2006. Ten other manuscripts await publishing



Dr. Lorenzo A. Lynch

For Demonstrated Excellence in Preaching and Christian Scholarship

The Reverend Dr. Lorenzo A. Lynch is the fourth generation of ministers in his family. He is a native of Oak City, NC and was licensed to preach by the Pittman Chapel Baptist Church in Oak City, under the pastorate of his father, the late Rev. Augustus C. Lynch. During the same year, he was ordained to the Gospel Ministry by Middle Ground Association. He served as Superintendent, Teacher, Youth Chairman, and Deacon in his home Church.

He received the B.A. and D.D. degrees from Shaw University and continued his education by studying as a special student at UNC-Chapel Hill, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Duke University School. He pursued the Doctor of Ministry degree at Boston University.

He has pastored Baptist Churches in North Carolina: Davis Chapel (Washington), Endstreet (Scotland Neck), Mt Zion (Arapahoe), St Delight (Nashville), Reids Chapel (Fountain), Mt. Olive (Ayden), Bazzel Creek (Fuquay-Varina), Providence (Greensboro), White Rock (Durham), and Beacon Light (Durham).

He ministry in Durham was guided by scholarly Christian leadership in human relations, civic, political, and social welfare concerns, including Democratic Party Precinct Chair, NACCP, and Durham Minister's Alliance.

Married to the former Lorine E. Harris, the Lynches are the parents of three children: Lorenzo Jr., Loretta, and Leonzo.



Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson

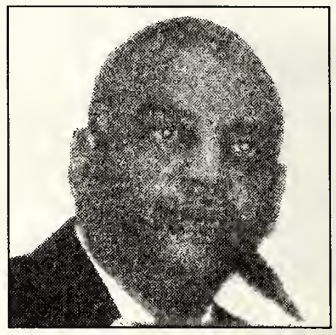
For Exemplary Leadership in Public Service on the North Carolina Supreme Court

The Honorable Patricia Timmons-Goodson is an Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court. Born in Florence, SC, Justice Timmons-Goodson spent her formative years on military bases in the United States and Europe. Her academic preparation was done at UNC-Chapel Hill, where she received her undergraduate degree in Speech in 1976 and her law degree in 1979.

Justice Timmons-Goodson has been a judge on the North Carolina Court of Appeals and a District Court Judge in the twelfth Judicial District of North Carolina. She has also worked as an Assistant District Attorney.

Justice Timmons-Goodson has numerous professional affiliations and memberships which include the American Bar Association. A member of Links, Inc., she has involved herself in organization that support youth, eduAmong the many honors and awards that Justice Timmons-Goodson has received are: Order of the Long Leaf Pine, NAACP Service Award, Order of the Old Well, Governors Award, N. C. Legislative Black Caucus Award, and Several sorority honors.

Married to Dr. Ernest J. Goodson, the Justice is the mother of two children. She is a member of First Baptist Church, Fayetteville. She speaks in sincere tones about the role of faith in her life and service through the years.



Rev. Charles R. Tyner, Sr.

For Acclaimed Distinction in Christian Ministry and Leadership in Senior Pastor of the White Oak Missionary Baptist Church, Apex, North Carolina. Under his leadership example, the White Oak Church has been a leader in missions and being involved in a "hand on" way. Under his leadership, the White Oak Foundation was formed as a means to provide food bank serviced, summer youth programs, food share, computers for children, and affordable housing.

White Oak Church, in conjunction with White Oak Foundation, have been on the cutting edge of providing services to the person affected by Hurricane Katrina. In the aftermath of the Hurricane's devastation, Reverend Tyner led a team to Gulfport, Mississippi with relief supplies. The supplies were unloaded and the bus returned to Apex with thirty-six persons (adults, youth and infants) who permanently relocated to the greater Apex area. White Oak has provided a comprehensive program of support and services for the persons who relocated as well as for others in Gulfport.

Reverend Tyner has continued to demonstrate genuine love and concerns for all people in the devastated areas by sending five tractor trailer loads of supplies to the Gulfport area.

When speaking to Reverend Tyner about his motivation for projects such as this, he refers to Matthew 25:40, " And the king shall say, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."



Anti-Crime & Incarceration Ministry (AIM) Strategic Plan

Michael R. Smith, Sr., M. Div.



Michael R. **Smith**

AIM's strategic planning is underway to set in place an effective plan to equip churches to be educated and trained regarding the crime/ incarceration crisis in our state. Presently, the five major ministry areas are **(1)** Intercessory prayer, **(2)**At-risk youth ministry, **(3)**In-prison discipleship, **(4)**Aftercare/transition ministry, and **(5)**Victims of crime ministry. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was said, **"When evil people plot, good people must plan".** In order to accomplish our strategic goals, **AIM** will need to find persons in our convention who desire to be **trainers** for our churches. These trainers will under go training in one of the five areas in order to be certified as a trainer. **AIM's** goal is to have a cadre of 20 trainers (4 in each ministry area). Another important phase of this plan will be the need for **GBSC Moderators** to talk with their associations about what particular ministry area they want focus on as an association. It is very important that these ministry efforts be done by associations. Therefore, Moderators need to invite the trainers to come to provide the training for their respective association. Moderators will be receiving more information from GBSC headquarters.

The next phase of our strategic plan is to convene **AIM Conferences** that will provide education, training, and resources to help GBSC churches carry out this great mission. The **AIM** conferences will be announced in the Baptist Informer. I exhort all GBSC Moderators and churches to pray and take advantage of **AIM** in order to reach, reconcile. And restore lives impacted by crime and incarceration. **Join us as we "Overcome Evil with Good" Romans 12:21.**

Presently, our state is in a crisis mode in regard to crime and incarceration issues. I believe the Church must take the lead in bringing biblical solutions in this area. Our efforts must address the legislative and judicial systems as well. The Bible teaches the primary response to crime was restitution. There are some crimes where incarceration is the right response. But even in the midst of prison, I hear the words of our Savior saying, "I was in prison and you came to me".

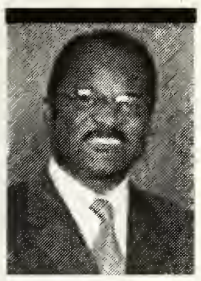
President Moss has shared his vision with the leaders of the GBSC. **AIM** embraces the President's vision and will seek to make it real in the lives of persons impacted by crime and incarceration. The time is now to seek to show forth our Father God's glory as we battle for souls on this mission field. Vice-Chairman Solomon and I solicit your prayers and support in 2007.

ANTI-CRIME & INCARCERATION MEETING
Monday, March 19, 2007
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Laymen's League

Bro. Theodore David, President, NC State Laymen's League Auxiliary



Theodore **David**

Greetings in the name of out Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ

Excitement is in the air, as we prepare for our first Laymen's Quarterly Study Commission Meeting for the year of 2007.

The Quarterly Meeting
March 10, 2007 • 10:-00 a.m.
First Baptist Church
129 Douglas St • Lawndale, NC 28090
Rev. Billy Houze, Pastor.

Executive Committee Meeting
9:00-10:00 a.m.
Laymen's Fellowship and Worship period

Let's keep bringing our Youth. Come to this meeting prepared to get involve.

The State Laymen's League Annual assessment is $400.00. Thank to the churches and associations that have already given, and thanks in advance to those who plan to give in this meeting.

Be reminded that each church and association is being asked to implement the "Laymen's Royal Court" fundraising project within your churches and associations this year. Come to the March Quarterly Meeting, we'll be presenting this fundraising program in more detail and showing you how it can strengthen your Laymen's League's missionary and outreach programs. Some ways that the fundraiser can have positive impacts on the Laymen's League Auxiliary are as follows:

- Help meet Annual Laymen's League budgets
- Finance the Annual Laymen's Men and Boys' Retreat
- Finance College scholarship(s)to Youth Laymen
- Finance Laymen's Missionary work in natural disaster areas
- Help Pay outside speakers/presenters on Laymen Programs
- Purchase Laymen Handbooks and other Christian materials
- Help the State Laymen's Auxiliary be adequately represented and able to participate on par with other states at various Baptist Conventions including the Lott Carey Convention.

Congratulations to those local churches and those associations who have already started, or maybe in the process of starting Laymen League Auxiliaries throughout the State. What better way to strengthen your Laymen's knowledge of the Laymen's Auxiliary than to send them to our State Laymen's meetings.

Ammons going to Florida

NCCU Chancellor to become President of FAMU



Chancellor James H. Ammons is leaving N.C. Central University for a new job in Florida after increasing enrollment on the Durham campus and preparing it for ambitious strides in biotechnology research.

On Thursday, February 1, 2007, Florida A&M University trustees ended months of speculation about whether Ammons would return to Tallahassee. After a daylong meeting and a 7-6 vote, the FAMU trustees selected Ammons to be the next president of his alma mater.

It was unclear Thursday when Ammons would leave NCCU, where he has been for six years. The FAMU board's decision is to be ratified March 8. Contract negotiations are expected to begin in the coming weeks.

The decision means NCCU will be the fourth historically black UNC system school looking for a new leader within a six-month period.

The Rev. Dr. R.B. Holmes, a FAMU trustee, said Ammons would bring energy, vision and motivation.

"He will build upon the great legacy of past presidents to ensure that our best days are not behind us, but are before us." Holmes said in a statement.
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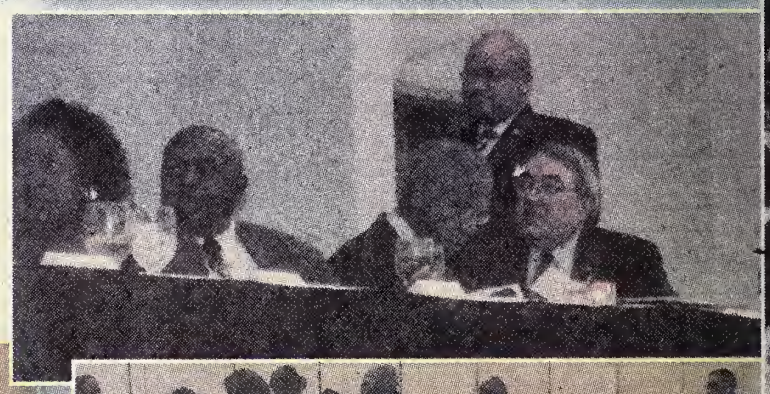










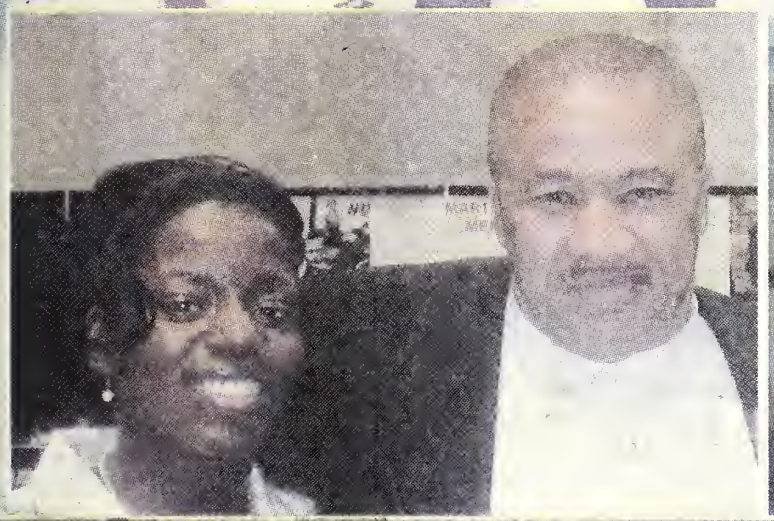








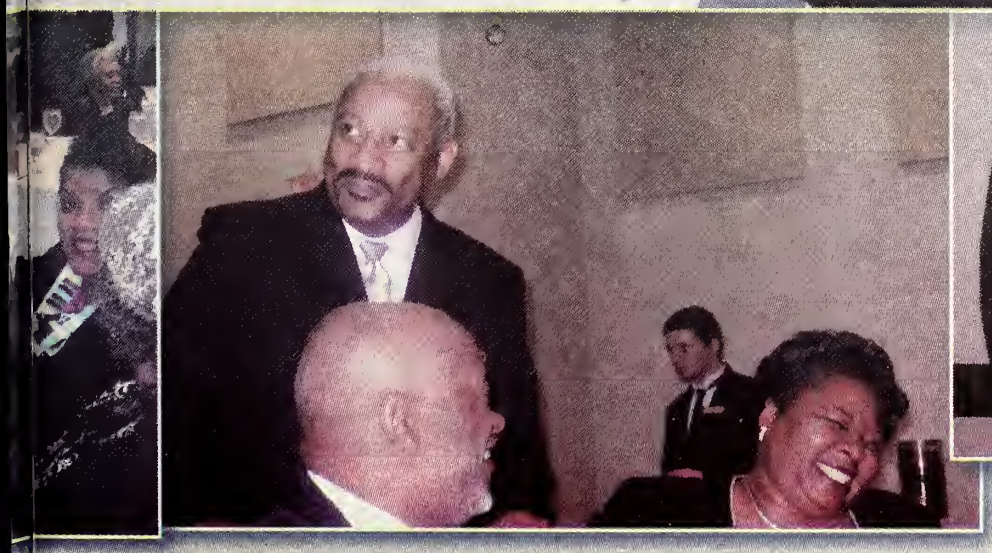


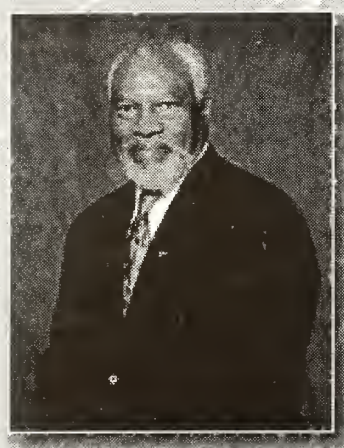












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(Some Camp Activities: Sailing, Challenge Course, Hayrides, Campfires, swimming, Canoeing, Worship Service)

April 15: Sunday School and Sunday Morning Praise and Worship Service

April 16: Mission Prayer Breakfast, Orientation, Convention Banquet and Musical Celebration

April 17–20: **Women's Auxiliary, Laymen, Youth, Adult, Economic, and Health Empowerment Sessions, Planning and Mission Reports.**

April 18: Down East Evening Feast @ Camp Don Lee, 315 Don Lee Road off NC Hwy 306 South

Note: Convention Hotel – Comfort Suite Riverfront Park, 218 East Front Street, New Bern, NC 28560, Call (252) 636-0022 for personal reservations or (252) 745-5780/(252) 229-8208 for Camp Don Lee Lodging and Meals. After March 15, 2007 follow us on the Web @ www.pahuntbhfmc.org for more…

We wish to thank all who are supporting us with your many prayers, finances, words of encouragement, and participation to make this mission a success. In our quest to perform this mission, we resolve (with the Lord's help) not to leave one soul behind as we grow. And as we claim our inheritance, "*this mountain*", as our possession and "*enlarge our borders*"; we invite all to "*Come thou with us, and we will do the good: for the Lord has spoken good [concerning his people]". "And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that what goodness the Lord shall do to us, the same will we do unto thee."* *"From Resurrection to Collection: Denying self, to Become a Blessing to the World"*

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Holmes accepts position with State Department of Health and Human Services


Anita **Holmes**

Anita Holmes CEO of the Center for Health and Healing since 2000 has accepted a senior position with the State Department of Heath and Human Services. Anita has been closely associated with Health and Human Services since 1991. Prior to accepting the Directorship in 2000, she served as planner and consultant. Outstanding achievements during her administration included initiation of the Healthy Beginnings project, a church based service in Northampton and Bertie counties with focus of reducing disparities in infant and maternal health. The core volunteers are church women who provide counsel, moral support and spiritual guidance to pregnant women and new mothers. The focus is to encourage and enable their participation with public agencies and other resources helpful in personal development and the health and welfare of themselves and their children. Over the past five years churches affiliated with the County Line, Franklin Shiloh, and Middle Baptist Associations have developed church based wellness programs targeting increased physical activity and health promoting nutrition activities.

Church volunteers are mentored to play leadership roles in sustaining these services. In promoting these services and others such as diabetes prevention and control and the enhancement of fatherhood skills, Dr. Holmes has encouraged the development of health leadership skill in the congregations and cooperation with area public and private resource organizations. She has been especially astute in identifying strong leaders able to develop health ministry in their communities. During her tenure core health and human services have been consolidated under the Center for Health and Healing in 2002 as a convention affiliated structurally independent non profit corporation. These structural changes enabled advantage in competition for resources in the broader environment.

The Smoking prevention activity under the management of Toshia Davis Jordan with strong collaboration with the Laymen's League has involved GBSC youth in spreading the message about the dangers of tobacco use. The campaign to declare church buildings and grounds smoke free is well received.

Cornell Wright hired in 2004 as assistant to Dr. Linda Gilliam, Director of the Health Careers program has been promoted to coordinator status. He has found satisfaction in helping youth to consider the value to society and themselves a career in health services can provide.

The Center is blessed with highly motivated staff who embraces the notion that faith is a factor in achieving and maintaining good health.

John Hatch, senior program development officer with the Center is Acting Executive Director and Dora Moore continues as the administrative coordinator. The Rev. Jeffrey Simms is chairman of the Board of Directors.

The search for an Executive Director of the Center for Health and Healing has begun. ■

Calling God A Liar

Dr. A.T. Griffey, III
Historian, GBSC


DR. A.T. **Griffey, III**

God desires that we know Him in an intimate and personal Relationship. He has revealed Himself and provided a way to know Him Through the life and sacrifice of His Son; "Anyone who has seen Me Has seen the Father... Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and That the Father is in Me?" (John 14:9-10). As we grow in our faith And begin to know Him better, it becomes essential to know the Promises of His Word. But it's even more important to believe His Promises are true! We may say we believe God's Word is true, but do Our actions reflect our belief?

1 John 5:10
"Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his Heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made Him out to be a liar, Because he has not believed the testimony God has given about His Son."

Yes, our old nature sometimes clouds our ability to clearly see the Truth; and yes, some of God's truths can be hard to accept and Actually put into practice. But, we either believe His words and Begin to take steps to apply them in our life, or we do not believe And call God a liar by the way we live.

It may be difficult, but we must confront our beliefs and begin to Make them real. When we face a trial and don't know which direction To turn, do we believe the words, "Trust in the Lord with all your Heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways Acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight" (Proverbs 3:5-6)? Do we really believe that as we trust Him, He will remove The confusion and guide our steps?

When our circumstances seem out of control, do we believe "in all Things God works for the good of those who love Him" (Romans 8:28)? Do we really believe that as we continue to love Him, God Works for the good in All things (regardless of our Understanding)? And when we feel alone, do we really believe God's Promise to always be near; "Never will I leave you; never will I Forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5).

How about the promises of being content (Philippians 4:12), or being Given the peace of Jesus (John 14:27), or the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) - can we really "do everything through Him who Gives me strength" (Philippians 4:13)? Parents, have we given up hope For our children or do we believe, "Train a child in the way he Should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it" (Proverbs 22:6)?

God's Word is true and His promises are real!! Let's praise Him all The rest of our days and let our lives demonstrate we REALLY know and Believe. Let's make sure our actions and decisions, fears and Anxieties, hopes and dreams, are governed by truth and NOT based on Calling God a liar.

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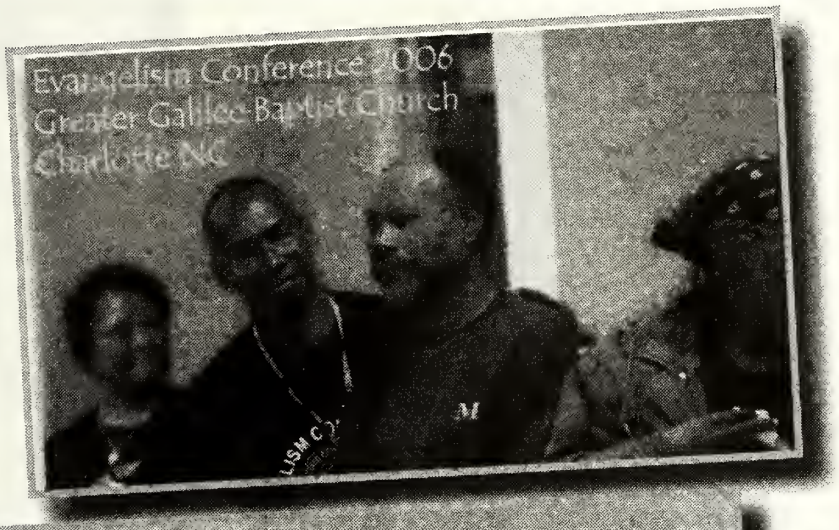
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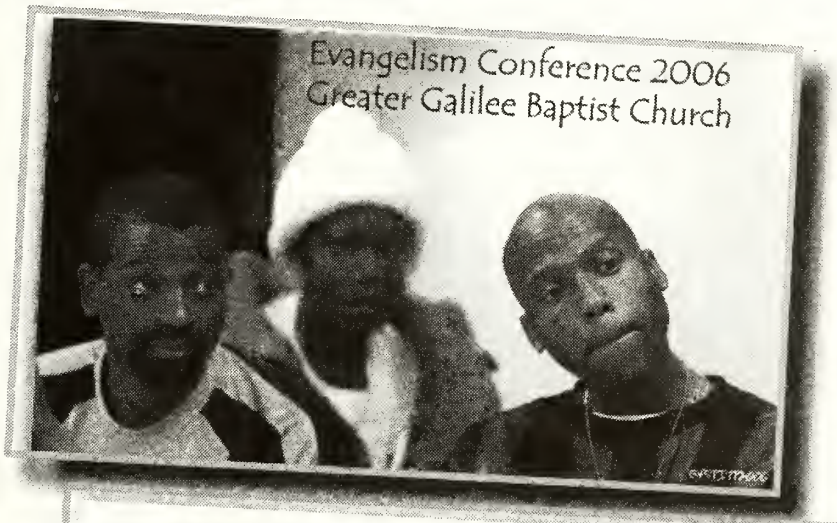
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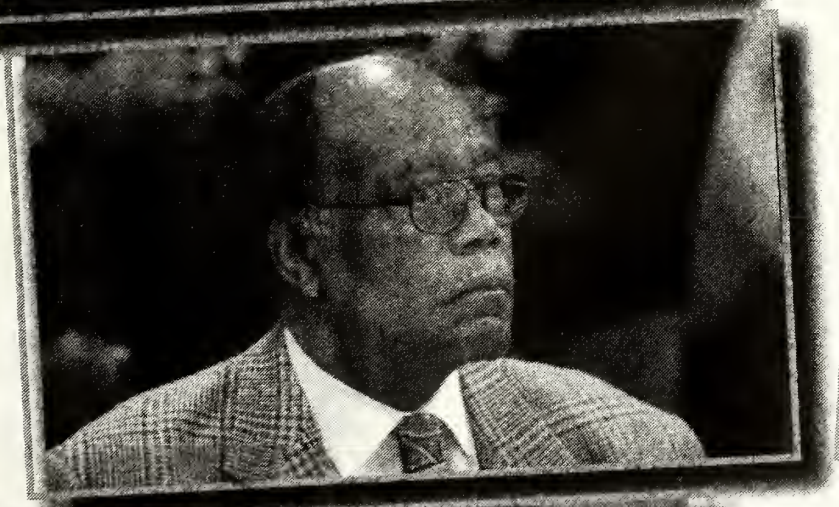
The Evangelism Ministry, under the coordination of Chair Dr. Robert E. Lee McGowan, is preparing for the upcoming Statewide Evangelism Conference. The conference will be held April 24th – 26th at the St. Matthew Baptist Church, Raleigh, where the Reverend Ronald Avery is Pastor. Classes, clinics, and worship will educate, enlighten, encourage, and equip God's people for evangelistic emphasis, outreach opportunities, and mission objectives.

















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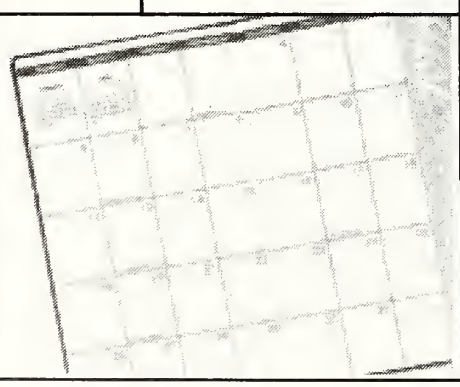
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FROM LIFE TO EVERLASTING LIFE:
DR. WESLEY GRANT, SR. (1915-2007)



With sympathy and prayers, we announce the death of THE REV. DR. WESLEY GRANT, SR. The funeral service will be held at 12:00 Noon Wednesday, February 7, 2007 in Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 47 Eagle Street, Asheville. Drs. John H. Grant and Louis E. Grant will officiate, burial will be in Sunset Cemetery.

Rev. Dr. Wesley Grant Sr., 92, of 97 Choctaw Street, Asheville, NC, died peacefully on Friday, Feb. 2, 2007. Born Jan. 31, 1915 in Sumter, S.C. to the late Jake and Rosa Pinkney Grant, he was a resident of Asheville for 75 years. He was married to Dr. Arsie M. Hon Grant who preceded him in death on March 18, 1990. He was later married to Mrs. Frances Shearer.

Rev. Grant received his education in the Sumter City Schools. He attended Shaw University Extension Classes, Shaw University Summer Convention Classes, and received Honorary Doctorates from Covington Theological Seminary and Emmanuel Theological Seminary.

He was united with First Baptist Church in Sumter in 1927 and 1930 with Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Asheville. In 1942 he was pastored New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church; 1950's Concord Missionary Baptist Church, now known as Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Fletcher; In 1958 he founded, built, and was current Co-Pastor of Worldwide Missionary Baptist Tabernacle; In 1957 he was Radio Pastor at Radio Station WBMT in Black Mountain; 1962 Count On Me at WFGW/WMIT Billy Graham stations (Blue Ridge Broadcasting), and 1968 to 1984 Count On Me television program, WLOS TV Channel 13 in Asheville.

Rev. Grant was a Civil Rights Activist. He was nominated Pastor of the Year, Shaw University; received the Covington Theological Seminary Adjunct Faculty Award, WKDB-FM 1st Annual African American Award, Lott Carey Award: Men of Troas; National Baptist Convention of America, Inc; City of Asheville Proclamation: Dr. Wesley Grant Sr. Day 1999-2007; Dr. Wesley Grant Sr. Day Mud Creek Missionary Baptist Association 2005 and 2006; Interdenominational Ministers Alliance Award, City-Wide Usher's Union Award; Shaw University Alumni Asheville Chapter, N. M. Avery Preacher of the Year Award and Baptist Ministers Union Lifetime Distinction Award.

Surviving are his children, Marye G. McDaniel, Rev. Dr. Wesley Grant Jr. (Rev. Dr. Wilhelmena), Arsie G. Dickson, John A. Grant Sr., Rev. Dr. Louis E. Grant (Sandra), and Rev. James A. Grant (Willie Mae); sisters, Minnie G. Robinson of Asheville and Venus G. Heath of Queens Village, N.Y.; 12 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends, and his Church Family, Worldwide.

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Ellerbe Grove Missionary Baptist Church
Pastoral Search Committee
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Pastor Search Committee • Baptist Union Missionary Baptist Church
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j) A person who supports church functions including teaching and attending
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This list is not inclusive, but serves as a snapshot of what is expected of a pastor as New Ahoskie Baptist Church continues as a church that will serve all of God's children.

If you feel God is leading you to this call, please submit a resume' and supporting documentation to:

Deacon Charles McCullough, Chairman
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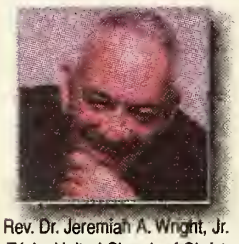
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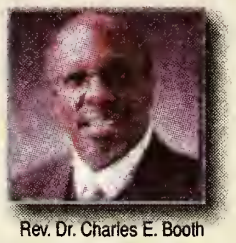
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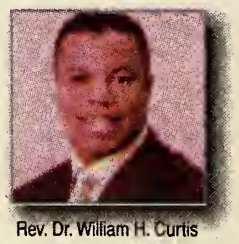
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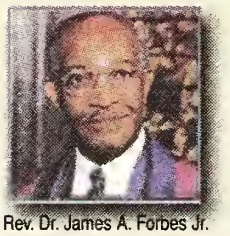
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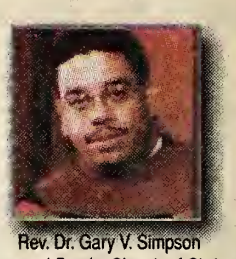
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"To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced...through Education, Missions and Fellowship," Matthew 28:19-20

By Reverend Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr.
President GBSC

Greetings to you in the name of our resurrected Savior, Jesus Christ.



Rev. Dr. Gregory K. **Moss, Sr.**

The second quarter of the calendar year is upon us, ushering in a busy time in the life of our beloved convention. With the Shaw Pastor's Conference concluded, we are expecting a significant amount of activity during April. The Woman's Auxiliary and the Laymen will meet the weekend of the 14th. The annual Evangelism Conference will convene in Raleigh April 24-26th. This conference, under the direction of Chairperson Robert L. McGowens and the Evangelism Committee, is expected to be one of the best ever. Workshops and seminars with an emphasis on evangelistic strategies are scheduled. In our effort to convince the unconvinced we must commit to serious study and training to be effective. Our conference is dedicated to equipping, teaching, training and exposing your messengers to evangelistic methods that will enhance the efforts of our local churches across the state. There will be substantive classes and seminars. There will be meaningful and powerful worship. There will be opportunities for hands on evangelism in the Raleigh area. There will be powerful and prophetic preaching by Reverend Doctor Jerry Sanders, Pastor of the Fountain Baptist Church of Summit, New Jersey and Immediate Past President of Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention. There will be fun and fellowship. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. It is our aim to develop this conference into one of the foremost of its kind in the nation. Your presence and participation will not return to you void. Registration and lodging information is included in this publication.

The Lenten season has arrived and believers around the world are anticipating the celebration of the risen One during this month. As God made the supreme sacrifice by giving the life of his Son, we too are reminded of the importance of sacrifice. Sacrifice, not only during Lenten season-which for many is largely ceremonial. But sacrifice as part and partial of our lifestyle while traveling our faith journey. We are challenged to open our eyes, see the need around us and address that need with an authentic and relevant gospel that is under-girded by the power of the Holy Spirit working through us. To minister in this fashion is a call to get out of self, to do things differently, to let some things go and or to set aside some things that may hinder our efforts. But remember, Jesus told the disciples whatever they left behind (sacrificed) for the Kingdom's sake would be restored many times more-eternal life. What an investment is our sacrifice for the kingdom. For in the wise economy of God's rule, we receive so much more for what amounts to be a minimum investment on our part.

I have in recent weeks traveled to several areas across the state interacting with various groups of General Baptist. This administration welcomes the opportunity to share its vision with our General Baptist Family and is willing to come to your area at your invitation. Please feel free to contact me at your convenience at gmoss1@bellsouth.net. Your comments, ideas, suggestions and support are encouraged.

I also encourage you to become a regular contributor to State Missions. Having traveled the state and by way of observation, I have witnessed how many contribute to objectives of the convention. These contributions come through our state office, none of the funds designated for objectives are utilized for State Missions. State Missions is the engine that helps the convention to operate. Please remember to support our efforts with timely and frequent contributions to State Missions as well. Your gifts, no matter how large or small are greatly appreciated. Thank you for all you do and for all you are going to do.

Do have a wonderful month and may God bless you and may God bless the General Baptist State Convention.

What is State Missions anyway?

Excellent question! Think of State Missions as the gas that runs the car. Without gasoline (and without State Missions), the car won't run (and the Convention cannot operate). Our State Missions expenses fall into two categories: OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING.



Dr. Haywood T. **Gray**
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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To the General Baptist Family

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Dr. Nilous **Avery, II**

To the beloved saints of the General Baptist family and all who love the Lord, the work, witness, worship, ministry, and mission of the Lord:

"Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Timothy 1:2b, NKJV).

Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus had a knack for glorifying the common things and common people. He defended the defenseless, healed the afflicted, received the outcasts, ate with the sinners, delivered the downtrodden, elevated the oppressed, gave worth to women, loved the lepers—you name it, Jesus did it. He shook up the foundation of political correctness and religious self-piety.

Because of Jesus, many insignificant things took on new significance: light, salt, sparrows, lilies, bread and wine, a crown of thorns, an old rugged cross, and a borrowed tomb. Nothing was too small and nobody was too insignificant to merit the attention of our Lord. This truth is manifested as spring begins to break forth in its entire divinely ordained splendor. New life appears in all of its colorful glory. The handiwork of God once again provides a marvelous array of greenery and pageantry.

In all of this, the common dandelion will make its presence felt. The dandelion is interesting. It will grow where nothing else will. It is not prejudice, picky, nor persnickety about where it will grow. It will grow in the yard of the rich or the poor. The dandelion is not concerned about the race, religion, culture, creed, or political preference of the yard's owner. It will grow wherever it can take root.

The amazing thing about the dandelion is its ability to persevere — to rise above its surroundings. The dandelion, much to the dismay of many gardeners, will rise above it all!

Some people are like that. They rise above it all. In the midst of discouragement and troubles, they RISE!

Distress and criticism? They RISE!

Limited resources and a succession of failures? They RISE!

Red seas in front, pharaohs in the back, mountains on the side? They RISE!

Hungry lions, flaming furnaces, high walls, ungrateful murmurers? They RISE!

They rise above it all because, like the dandelion, they understand that nothing can keep them down when they reach up for God's sunshine. They refuse to be smothered and bound by circumstances. The dandelion not only adds color to the drab places of earth. It eventually scatters seed.

Our convention is similar to the dandelion. It has been able to RISE ABOVE IT ALL. Its fruitful ministry through varied objectives, including State Missions, has often been overlooked and unappreciated. But through it all, the fruit of our convention's labor has provided color in drab places for many who are outcast and undernourished.

Through it all, our convention continues to scatter seeds of *Christian Education*, *Missions*, and *Benevolence*. Through it all, our convention scatters seeds that convince the unconvinced to be convinced. Your prayers and support through the years have made this possible. Like the dandelion, our convention continues to RISE ABOVE IT ALL!

Please continue to be good stewards of this ministry. Rise above the tendency to assume that all is well. Refuse to be smothered by daily routines and "busyness" that may not always glorify God and edify others. Abhor the rumors that seek to pronounce the death sentence on a heritage and legacy that has stood the test of time.

Put off the fabric of being a spectator and put on the garment of being a participator. Experience the power of resurrection even when the death sentence has been pronounced. Nothing and nobody will keep us down because we have God to lift us up. And if God be for us ... !

Encourage your church, ministry, association, and community to support our convention, the objectives, and particularly State Missions. I am looking forward to seeing and hearing from you soon. "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen" (Philippians 4:23, NKJV). ■

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THEME: *"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness..."* (II Corinthians 6:7)

King Nebuchadnezzar

By Dr. Ricky L. Banks,
3rd. Vice-President To GBSC



Rev. Ricky **Banks**

When King Nebuchadnezzar was faced with the reality of God, he had three responses. He believed. He told others. He worshipped. The king had witnesses a miracle. He recognized God's power in the salvation of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. His first response was to believe. He knew God was real and had great power. He had seen it firsthand. Next, he told others. He sent out decrees. In those days the king could order the worship of a particular god, and King Nebuchadnezzar did this. But he also wanted to share with all the people of the kindgom the mighty works God had done. He wanted them to know God and to worship Him. Finally, he worshipped God. He recognized that His is forever and he declared His dominion from generation to generation.

Three Responses To God-

Daniel 3:26-4:3

What is our response when we face the reality of God? Most of us believe, some worship, and a few tell others. Let's get excited as Nebucadnezzar was and show it in our behavior. Let's get excited about God's power and love, His miracles and teachings, His commands and promises. Let us get excited and worship, let us go and tell others.

Let us keep the date Saturday, September 22, 2007, 10:00 a.m.- 3 p.m. in mind. "Black College Awareness Day 2007. Where: Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 3400 Beatties Ford Road, Charlotte, NC 28216 Dr. Clifford A. Jones Sr., Senior Minister.

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He is Risen

Dr. A.T. Griffey, III
Historian



Dr. A.T. **Griffey, III**

On the night before He was crucified, Jesus, while in great anguish, showed the human side of His nature and asked if there was another way for God's plan to be accomplished; "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from Me" (Matthew 26:39a).

Though He knew He would be physically, emotionally, and spiritually tormented, nailed to a cross, and hung until dead, He gave His life into the hands of the Father; ***"Yet, not as I will, but as You will"*** (Matthew 26:39b).

And as sure as Jesus knew God's plan was for Him to die, He also knew He would rise again; ***"And on the third day He will be raised to life"*** (Matthew 17:23).

The disciples had walked with Jesus and listened to Him teach about this day but they still did not understand. It wasn't until Jesus personally appeared to the disciples that the events began to make sense; ***"Then He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures"*** (Luke 24:45).

In an instant, everything fit into place. They finally understood how all the Old Testament scripture pointed to the coming of Jesus and how He would be sacrificed for the forgiveness of our sins. They saw the predictions of His death - and of His resurrection. They finally saw Him as much more than a good teacher, much more than even a mighty king. His resurrection meant He was the Savior, the one and only Son of God!

True belief in the resurrection should fill us with awe and overwhelm us with a sense of peace and thankfulness. He died and rose again so we could live an abundant life and worship Him for all eternity. Let's place our faith in the sacrifice of Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins and live in the promise and power of His resurrection. Let's pray for our mind to be fully opened to His truth and for our life to be lived as though we KNOW He is risen!

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Bronnie **Daniels**

As we reflect upon Easter, Jesus' Resurrection, we see we are brought out. That is, we through faith are redeemed through what God did in and through our Lord Jesus Christ. For God made Jesus "to be sin for us who knew no sin; that we might be made righteous." Thus we live because He received God's penalty for sin for us and made us alive in Him forever. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is bona fide evidence of God's victory over darkness, evil and death.

If we receive by faith what God the Father has done in and through Jesus the Son, can we not say with a resounding chorus" Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Lord God almighty! Praise the Lord Jesus Christ! Why? Because God in Jesus prepared the way to bring fallen man out of the "pit" and "miry clay"; to place him upon the Rock by His side; to give him a new song of praise to the Redeemer of salvation.

"He Brought Me Out"

Chorus: "He bro't me out of the miry clay, He set my feet on the Rock to stay; He puts a song in my soul today, A song of praise, hallelujah!"

—H.L. Gilmour

HAVE A BLESSED EASTER!

The Ministers' Wives and Widows Fellowship of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of NC Auxiliary to GBSC, Inc.

"Easter: He Brought Us Out"

By Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Executive Secretary Treasurer

"Well-dressed" feet are important. Improperly fitted feet will leave you tired and exhausted. What we wear on our "spiritual feet" is important! Our study will focus on what it means to stand; the keys to effective standing; why we must stand; and the results of standing firm in faith.

Greetings In the Name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Our Study Facilitator will be the Rev. Jocleen McCall, Associate Minister, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, NC. She is an anointed teacher of the Word. Your husbands are also invited for a concurrent session for ministers/pastors. Lunch will follow the sessions.

Registration will begin at 8:15 a.m. However, you are encouraged to pre-register. Pre-Registration must be paid in full on or before April 27, 2007.

If you have questions, please call the Woman's Convention at (919) 833-4823.

We ask your prayers for a great Retreat in the Lord, Jesus the Christ.

Your Sisters in Christ,
Lena G. Johnson, Chairperson
Annie Hewitt, Co-Chairperson
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Catherine Newkirk, Pro. Co-Chair

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration: 8:15—9:00 a.m.
Praise and Worship : 9:00—9:30 a.m.
Business Session: 9:30—10:15 a.m.
Study: "Standing On 'Well-Dressed' Feet"
10:30 a.m.—12 noon (Bring Your Favorite Pair of Shoes for Fun Activity)
Wrap-up with spouses: 12:15—12:30 p.m.
LUNCH: 12:30—1:30 p.m.
Departure: 2:00 p.m.



Dr. Priscilla **Brodie**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Saturday Retreat Only
Pre-registration: $18.00 per person
$36.00 per couple (husband & wife)
On Site Registration: $20.00 per person
$40.00 per couple (husband & wife)
*Friday Night Stay-over and Saturday Retreat
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REMEMBER: DEADLINE FOR PRE-REGISTRATION IS APRIL 27, 2007

MAY RETREAT

May 5, 2007

THEME: "STANDING ON 'WELL-DRESSED' FEET"

Mrs. Bronnie Daniels
President, WBH&FMC
Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie
Executive Secretary-Treasurer, WBH&FMC
Mrs. Lena G. Johnson
Chairperson of the MW&W Fellowship

WBH&FMC'S THEME:
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ARE YOU STANDING ON "WELL-DRESSED" FEET?

Come To Grow • Depart to Serve!

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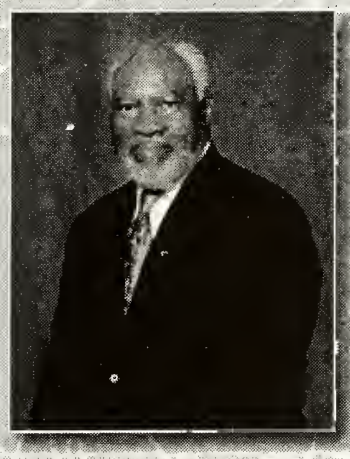
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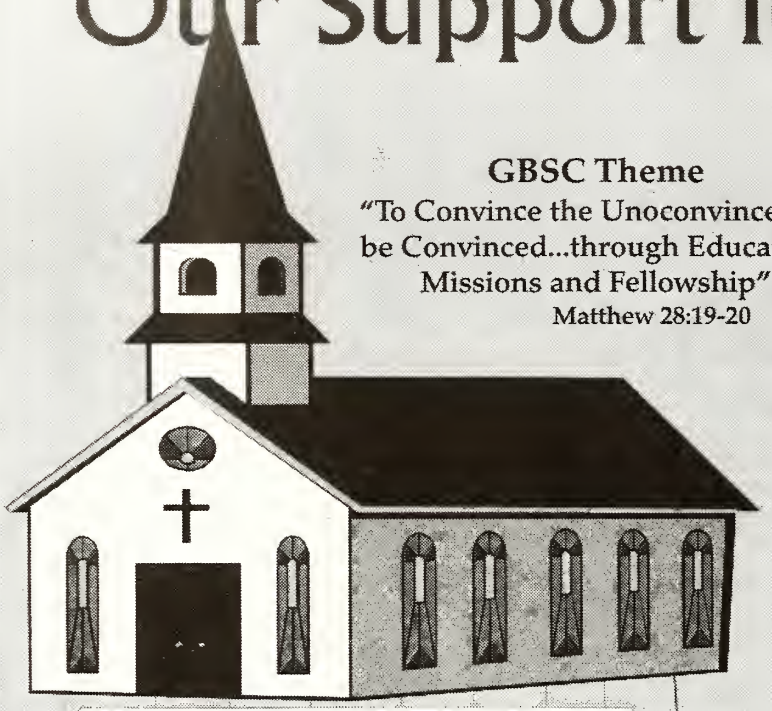
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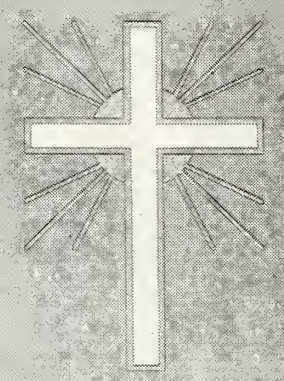


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Matthew 28:19-20

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The point is this:

"He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."
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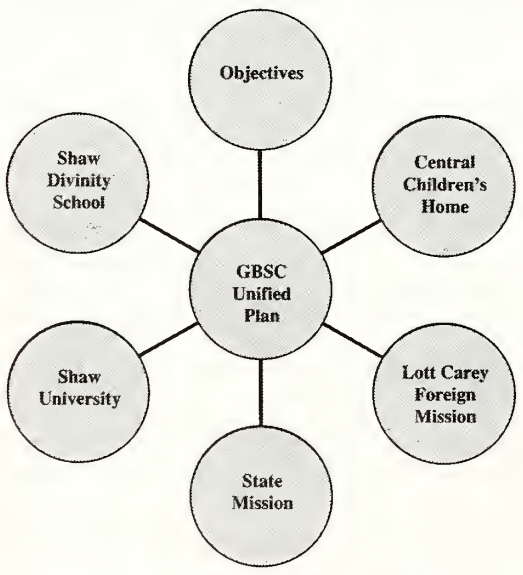
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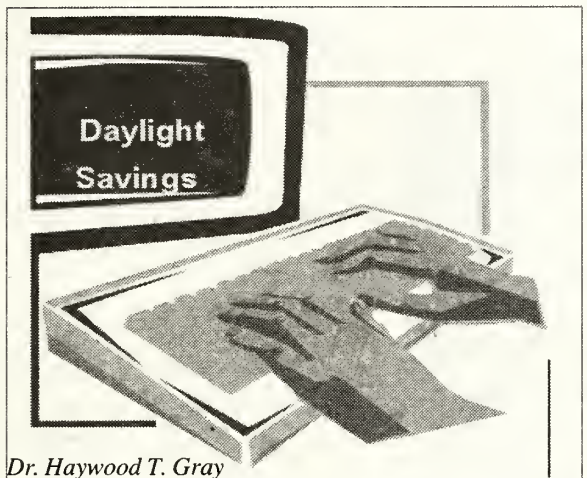
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Is your computer ready for March 11 Daylight Savings Time?



Dr. Haywood T. Gray
Exectuvie Secretary Treasurer

Normally, your computers handle the spring and fall Daylight Savings Time changes automatically because the change dates are built into the operating system software. I bet you didn't even realize it was being done for you! This year, Congress amended the Uniform Time Act of 1996 by changing the start and end dates of Daylight Savings Time (DST) beginning in 2007. Daylight Savings Time will now begin March 11 and will end on November 4 (instead of the usual April and October dates we are all used to). Since these dates are different than what the computers know, this change will require modification to your computer operating systems. In other words, the internal clocks on your systems (servers, PC/workstations, tablets, and handhelds) may require adjustment to accommodate the change.

Though the impact to most computers is expected to be low, please be aware that time-specific functions may be off by one hour, such as scheduled system backups or data uploads. We strongly recommend that you apply the following updates to your system.

If your Microsoft Windows computer is configured to download and apply Microsoft Windows patches automatically, one of the patches will make the appropriate changes and you do not need to do anything. Otherwise, or if you are not sure that your computer is configured this way, then there is a very easy-to-use tool called **TZedit that is available through the Microsoft Website.** TZedit will let you edit the time zone information manually in Windows.

To manually modify time zone settings by using the Time Zone Editor, follow these steps:

1) Download and start Time Zone Editor as explained above

2) In the Time Zones list, select your time zone. For our area, click (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada), and then click Edit.

3) In the Edit Time Zone dialog box, click to select the Automatically Set Daylight Saving Time check box

4) Specify the correct daylight saving time start date and end date as follows.

5) In the Start Day box, click the number of the day, the corresponding day of the week, and the month that you want. For example, click Second, click Sunday, and then click March. Then select the time that you want to start daylight saving time. For example, select 2:00 A.M.

6) In the Last Day box, click the number of the day, the corresponding day of the week, and the month that you want. For example, click First, click Sunday, and then click November. Then select the time that you want to end daylight saving time. For example, select 2:00 A.M.

7) In the Daylight Bias list, select how long you want the time to change when daylight saving time is in effect. For example, to set the clock forward 1 hour, leave the default setting of +1:00.

8) To finish with this time zone, click OK.

9) If you wish to edit other time zones, select each one and then repeat steps a-e. As long as your computer stays here in the Eastern Time Zone, there is no need to change the other zones. (For more information about the time zones that have changed, click the following article number to view the article in the Microsoft Knowledge Base: 931836 (http://support.microsoft.com/kb/931836/) February 2007 cumulative time zone update rollup for Microsoft Windows operating systems.)

10) When you have finished, click Close.

The last step is to activate the changes that you just completed. To do that, follow these last few steps:

1) Double-click the digital clock in the lower right-hand corner of your screen. (If you don't see it, then click Start, then Settings, then Control Panel, and then double-click Date/Time.)

2) Click the Time Zone tab.

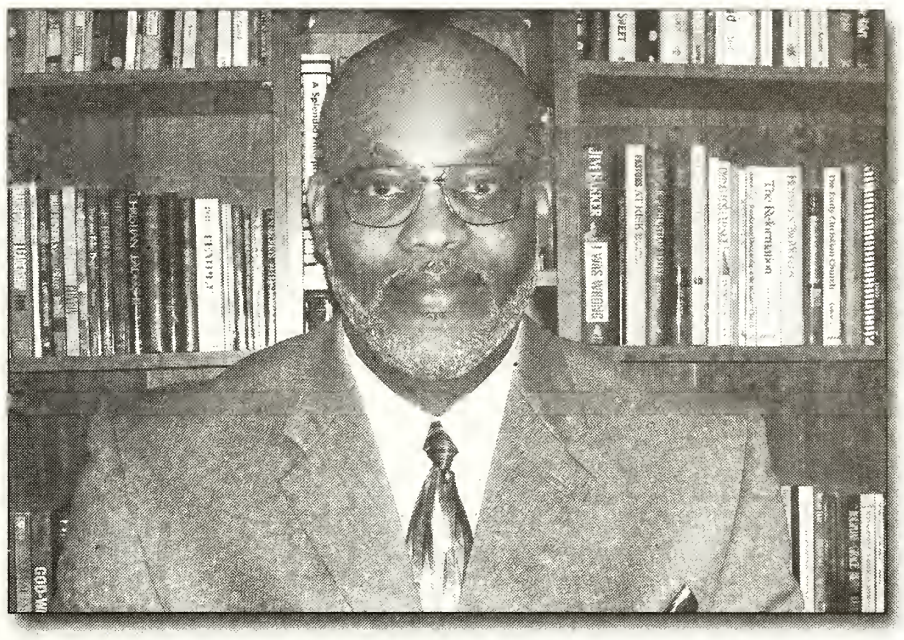
3) Select a different time zone than our local (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada) time zone, and then click Apply

4) Click (GMT-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada), and then click OK to set it back where it belongs.

5) Close the Windows Time Zone Editor.

Overcoming Evil With Good Through Prayer

Psalm 89:14-18



Michael R. Smith, Sr.
Chairman,
Anti-Crime & Incarceration Ministry

In this article I want to share with you what is absolutely essential in our efforts to reach, reconcile and restore lives impacted by crime and incarceration. The key is strategic intercessory prayer. I sense many times the issue of prayer is underestimated in its importance in fighting crime. Prayer calls us to realize only through the intervention of our Father God's mercy, justice and angelic assistance can we make a difference. The Word of God says, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12). Many of us watch the evening news and just throw our hands up in the air when we see the unbridled lawlessness in our society. I want to serve notice it is through the intercessory prayers of the righteous that crime and incarceration issues can be impacted. Our Christian worldview helps us understand this is a fallen world and the reality of a crime free society where prisons do not exist will not happen until the return of Jesus Christ (Revelation 21:1-5). Yet in the mean time, the Church is at war with our deadly enemy satan and demonic forces.

Unredeemed persons are still controlled by a sinful nature that is heavily influenced by satan. The only offensive weapon we have been given to fight the enemy is the WORD of GOD. I believe when we stand on the Word of God and call on our Father and Jesus Christ in prayer, the Holy Spirit transforms us and the situations we are fighting. If we are to make a difference in fighting crime, we must discipline ourselves to strategically intercede in accordance with the Will and Word of God.

Therefore, I am asking every GBSC church to include in your prayer ministry strategic intercessory prayer for the issues of crime and incarceration. Don't give up on that wayward youth, that relative in prison, the person coming out of prison, or the healing of victims of crime. Pray for divine intervention based on God's justice and mercy. Pray for those in authority over our law enforcement, legislative, judicial, and correctional systems. Don't throw your hands up in the air, but call on the NAME above every name who alone is able to answer our prayers. You may never actively get involved with a gang banger, go in a prison, help a person getting out of prison, or minister to a crime victim, but you can pray. Jesus is our greatest example of making intercessory prayer for lives impacted by crime and incarceration. For it was on the cross, where He prayed, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34).

This intercessory prayer was for your crimes and my crimes against our Father God. Now that we have been forgiven, our intercessory prayers are vital in fighting crime in our society. We must pray and intercede for His justice and mercy to reign in the earth!

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Shaw gets $5 million donation

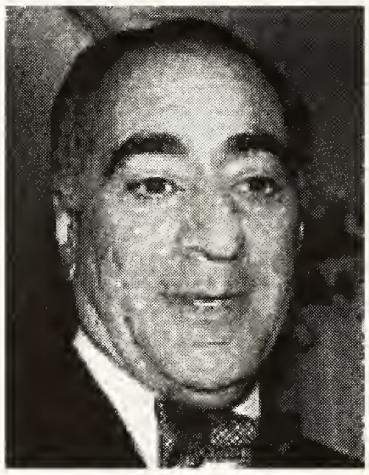
By Toby Coleman, Staff Writer
www.news&observer.com

Wall Street multimillionaire John Mack and his wife will give Raleigh's Shaw University $5 million to establish a new scholarship fund.

The gift is notable for a school with a $10 million endowment. University officials said it was one of the biggest gifts from nonalumni since the school's inception in 1865.

Mack, the chief executive officer of Morgan Stanley, became interested in the historically black college after working with Shaw President Clarence Newsome on the Duke University Board of Trustees, according to Newsome. Both men are former Duke University football players.

"I told him about the kind of students we have at Shaw and how deserving they are," Newsome said. "And at a certain point he expressed an interest in coming to the campus."



Multimillionaire Jon Mack

John and Christy Mack agreed to give the money after visiting Shaw last month and meeting students and professors, according to June Costa, the university's vice president for Institutional Advancement. Newsome said he thought it was the first time either of the Macks had set foot on the school's campus near downtown Raleigh.

Costa said the Macks met with a variety of students, including ones who had "two jobs, spoke two languages and [are] trying to stay in college." That may have resonated with John Mack, the son of a Mooresville grocery wholesaler who completed his final semesters at Duke by going to classes during his lunch breaks from a job clerking at a securities firm.

Mack could not be reached for comment Saturday.

In a prepared statement issued by Shaw, Mack said that he and his wife gave the money to help keep "education within reach." Mack's donation will finance scholarships for students who show aptitude for science, technology, engineering or math and otherwise might not be able to afford college, according to the school. The first Christy and John Mack scholarships will be given to students entering Shaw in the fall, Costa said.

Shaw says the donation is one of the biggest from nonalumni since white Baptist missionary Henry Martin Tupper founded the school for freed slaves. Massachusetts textile manufacturer Elijah Shaw gave $5,000 for its initial setup, and Vermont pipe organ maker Jacob Estey kicked in to pay for the first women's dorm.

The rank of the school's largest donor, however, still belongs to Shaw alumnus Willie E. Gary, a Florida-based trial lawyer who has given more than $10 million to the school in recent years.

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Moderator, Rev. Milton Jones

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Staff: Directors: Rev. Stanley Morgan • Rev. Linda Taybron

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Daily Schedule-Tuesday through Thursday

Tuesday:
7:00-7:15.....Assemble/Devotion/Introductions
7:15-8:30.....Classes
8:30-9:00.....Reassemble, Offering, Announcements, Remarks, Closure

Wednesday:
7:00-7:15.....Assemble/Devotion/Introductions
7:15-8:30.....Classes
8:30-9:00.....Reassemble Offering, Announcements, Remarks, Closure

Thursday:
7:00-8:15.....Classes
8:15-9:15.....Reassemble, Offering,

Sermon-Rev. Timothy Edwards
Closure

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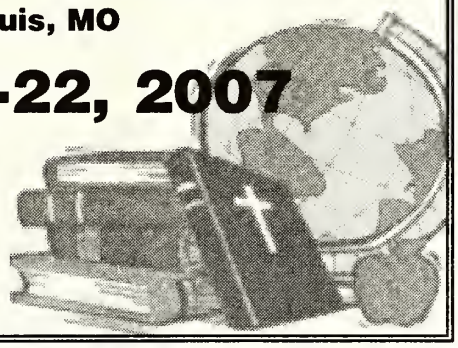
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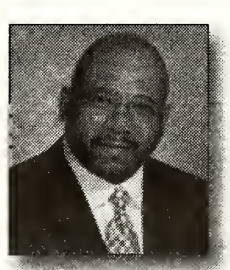
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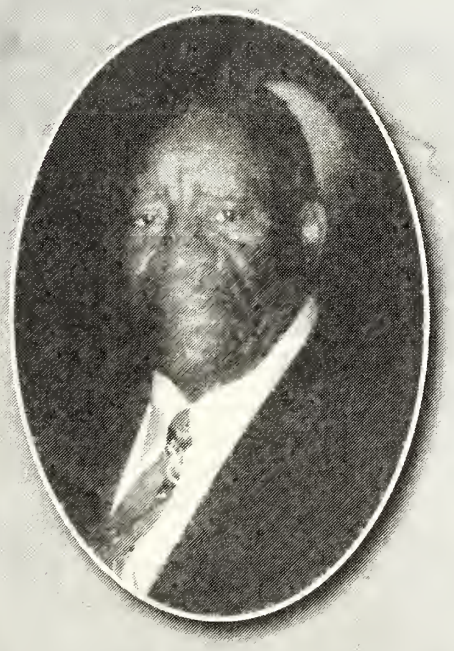
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April 9th - april 19th

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Holiday Inn Gateway

Speaker - Dr. Gardner C. Taylor - Raleigh, NC

Lay Evangelism Conference

Mount Zion First Baptist Church • 320 West Thomas Street • Rocky Mount, NC 27804 • (252) 442-1627 • Dr. Donaldson Jones, Pastor





Lay Evangelism Conference

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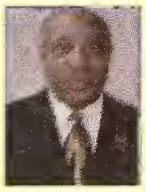
"Follow Me, and I will Make You Fishers of Men."

Matthew 4:19

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BANQUET SPEAKER
7:30 PM
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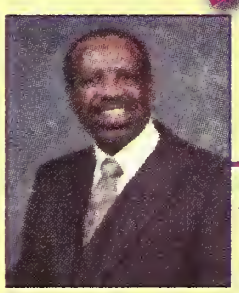
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Mrs. Portia H. Brandon,
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Spring Revival

April 24th - April 26, 2007
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Dr. Ruben Green, Revivalist
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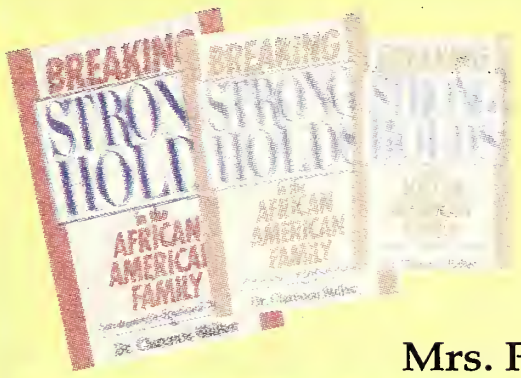


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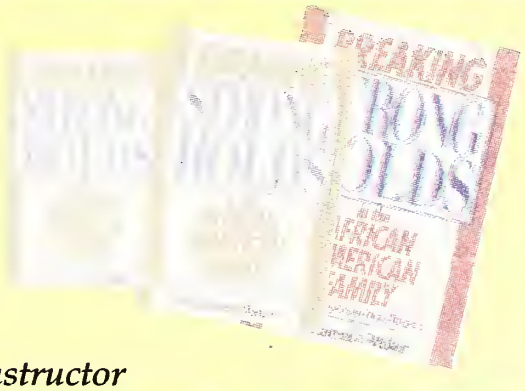


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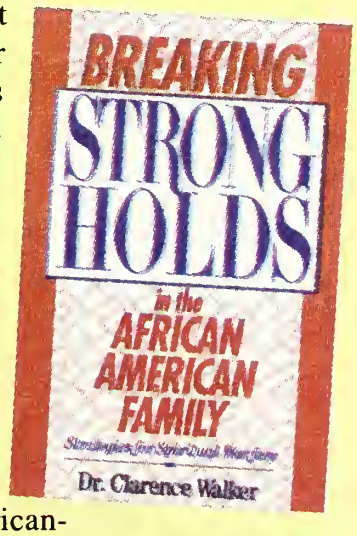
Breaking Strongholds in the African-American Family



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Black churches and their leaders are at the front line of a war for the lives of people bound by fear, anger, and idolatry. Sociologists, politicians, and economists all have failed to solve the complex problems of African-American families. But victory is available -- and believers hold the key. In Breaking the Strongholds in the African-American Family, Dr. Clarence Walker unfolds a plan for spiritual warfare using the weapons of God.



TYPES OF STRONGHOLDS

Dr Walker describes the various types of strongholds that imprison black men, women, and children today. He matches the weapons of ancient warfare with our spiritual weapons, providing a vital practical ministry resource for pastors, counselors, and laypeople.

Types Of STRONGHOLD	DESCRIPTION	THE LIE	THE TRUTH
REJECTION	*Loss of self-esteem *No purpose or direction *Total loss of hope that things will ever change *Sense of inadequacy	*I am a victim and helpless *I will never change—it's hopeless *I am different and so is my problem, so it won't work for me	***I am a victor in Christ *I am the righteousness of God in Christ *The truth sets you free regardless of the problem or the person**
ANGER	*Depressed and bitter *Discontented and grieved *Sense of worthlessness *Denial and dishonesty	*I deserve to be punished and condemned *I cannot face the awful truth about myself *I am a product of my past	***There is no judgment in Christ *In Christ I am a new creation *I am a product of the Cross**
LOW-SELF ESTEEM	*Behavior oriented *Judgmental *Weary and tired *Trying to earn acceptance through performance	*If it is going to be it is up to me *God helps those who help themselves *If I change my behavior, it will change me as a person	***Only God can change me *God helps those who give up and trust Him *If I change my beliefs, it will change my behavior**
FEAR	*Worried and anxious *Feels forsaken and without support *Absence of meaningful relationships *Unable to receive love and avoids intimacy	*I am unworthy to be loved and accepted *I need someone to validate me as a person *I need someone or something to be secure	***I am loved and accepted by God *I am one with Christ, He is in me and I am in Christ *I am eternally secure in Christ who will never forsake me**

It is time for the true African-American Christians to join the spiritual war to free black families. We need to take back what the enemy has taken from us as a people. (Breaking Strong Hold in the African American Family, page 101)

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2007-2010 Oratorical Topics

SENIOR DIVISION

1. Being trustworthy is important to succeeding in life.
2. Standing for Jesus when it is not popular.
3. Extreme makeover.
4. You cannot fake your faithfulness.
5. Let the Lord build your house.
6. Jesus is for losers.
7. How to be a hero.
8. Equipped!
9. Alcohol and Christian teens don't mix.
10. Why I am loyal to God?

JUNIOR DIVISION

1. Sometimes I feel life is not fair, but I continue to be fair to others.
2. What does being a Christian mean to me?
3. Tell me who I am!
4. Just, keep walking.
5. Building on a good foundation.
6. Signed sealed and delivered!
7. How to persuade and influence peers.
8. What is wrong with teenage smoking?
9. What Christianity mean to me
10. If not me, "who?"

PREPARATORY DIVISION

1. Being treated unfair make me feel bad.
2. Get real.
3. Peer pressure should not affect my actions.
4. Being honest takes courage.
5. My friend Jesus.
6. Jesus is....
7. Do you hear what I hear?
8. Where would you be without God?
9. Heaven or hell.
10. A faithful friend.

RULES & PROCEDURES

The James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest is divided into several phases. The contest will begin at your local church and proceed to the District Level (Association) and end with a contest at the State level. The winner from the Senior Division ultimately goes to the National level.

• Contestants are representatives of Associations NOT Churches. Therefore, all contestants must be affiliated with an Association.

• The Association is allowed one (1) representative for each category.

QUALIFICATION FOR CONTESTANTS

1. The contest is open to all young people grades 6th to 12th in the year that the contest is being held. Example: a contestant must be entering the 6th grade as of July 1, 2007. Seniors who are graduating from High School as of July 1, 2007 are not eligible.

2. Each contestant must present one typewritten (computer written) copy of their speech to the Director no later than the date specified on the application.

3. Students entering the contest that have been called into Ministry may participate with the understanding that their speech must be an oration, not a sermon or sermonette.

4. Other qualifications are governed by your local district.

CONTEST RULES

1. All contestants must speak on the official topics presented for their category. Not speaking on an official topic will result in a penalty. The penalty is disqualification.

2. Each contestant shall prepare his or her own speech. However the contestant may receive advice in the preparation of the speech.

3. All contestants must state the official topic of their speech first. Failure to do so will result in a penalty. The penalty is 3 points.

4. The use of props, special costumes or clothing or the use of prompters will not be permitted. Bible, notes, papers or anything that can be construed as a prop will not be taken to the podium by the contestant. Penalty is disqualification

5. No reference may be made that might identify the contestant, his or her family or the specific geographical or political area from which he/she originates. Maximum penalty may be 5 points as decided by the Judge.

6. The time allowed will not be over or under the specified length for each category. Should the time be over or under the length, a penalty of 5 points will be assessed.

CATEGORY/DIVISION	TIME
Preparatory	3-4 minutes
Junior	4-5 minutes
Senior	4-5 minutes

7. Appropriate Dress is a must. Remember that you are being judged on your appearance as well as your overall presentation. Make a good first impression!

8. The Judges have the final decision over your presentation. (Not your coach, parents or your friends).

9. We try at all times to get three judges, however in the event one of the judges fails to show, we will continue the contest with the remaining judges. Our plans are to have three judges and one back-up.

PENALTIES AND PENALTY EXPLANATIONS

The following penalties have been established to create an equitable opportunity for all contestants:

• SELF IDENTIFICATION. No oration or part of an oration may be used that positively identifies the contestant or identifies his or her specific geographical origin such as state or province or smaller geographical or political location (i.e. Pastor Smith, Calvary Chapel, school, parents name, etc.). Maximum penalty may be five (5) points as determined by the individual judge. This is a judgmental call based on the judge's interpretation.

• TIME PENALTIES. The time limit for orations shall not be under or over the time specified for the contestant's category.

✦ *Senior Division* – Four (4) minutes but no more than five (5) minutes are allowed for each contestant's oration. If the speech is LESS than four (4) minutes OR over five (5) minutes, the contestant will be penalized five (5) points.

✦ *Junior Division* – Four (4) minutes but no more than five (5) minutes are allowed for each contestant's oration. If the speech is LESS than four (4) minutes OR over five (5) minutes, the contestant will be penalized five (5) points.

✦ *Preparatory Division* – Three (3) minutes but no more than four (4) minutes are allowed for each contestant's oration. If the speech is LESS than three (3) minutes OR over four (4) minutes, the contestant will be penalized five (5) points.

■ FAILURE TO ANNOUNCE SUBJECT/TOPIC AT THE BEGINNING. All contestants must express the official title at the very beginning of his/her speech. The order of presentation is shown below:

- ○ Subject/Topic (My topic is "Positive Thinking" or
- ○ Positive Thinking
- ○ Greetings
- ○ Speech

The penalty for failure to announce topic/subject at the beginning of the oration is three (3) points.

■ USE OF PROPS, CONSTUMES, ETC. When the contestant leaves the preparation room for the auditorium, they are not allowed to have anything that would be construed as a prop. Props includes: The Bible, notes, note cards, and papers, folders, etc. The penalty is disqualification.

■ NOT SPEAKING ON OFFICIAL TOPICS. The Congress of Christian Education provides topics that are to be used in each category. These are the official topics for the contestants. Failure to speak on one of the official topics is disqualification. Topic must be in contestant's division.

■ ORATIONS VS SERMONS. The title implies that this is the James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest. Not the James F. Wertz Sermon Contest. Therefore, any speech presented as a Sermon is not acceptable. The penalty is disqualification. Judges will be instructed in this matter. There is a distinct distinction between the two, when delivered.

GENERAL RULES

1. Spectators may not enter or leave the audience while a contestant is speaking. Please alert your congregation and friends to this fact if you are one of the contestants. This rule will be strictly adhered to; movement creates distraction for the contestant.

2. Please ensure that you have turned off all cellular phones and beepers.

3. Please refrain from opening mints or candy during a presentation.

4. Please do not applaud until all participants in each division has finished

5. Each contest shall have three judges and two timekeepers.

6. The judges cannot be acquainted with the contestants. (cont. next page)

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7. The judges and timekeepers will not be identified at the time of the contest or by advance publicity. The judges will be identified only after the last oration has been presented for the category that they are judging or in the event the same judges are used throughout, they will be introduced after the last category

8. During the time of the contest, the judges and timekeepers shall each be in different locations within the room.

9. Each judge will render a final decision on all contestants without consultation with other judges or any other person. Each judge and timekeeper must sign his/her official score sheet.

10. At no time will a contestant or judge discuss the contestant's scores. The results of a judge's decision will be kept confidential.

11. The Judges will have a score sheet and a sheet for additional comments. The purpose of these comments is to help and or enhance the contestants in future endeavors.

12. Selection of winners will be based on the judge's score and any penalty points that the contestant may have received.

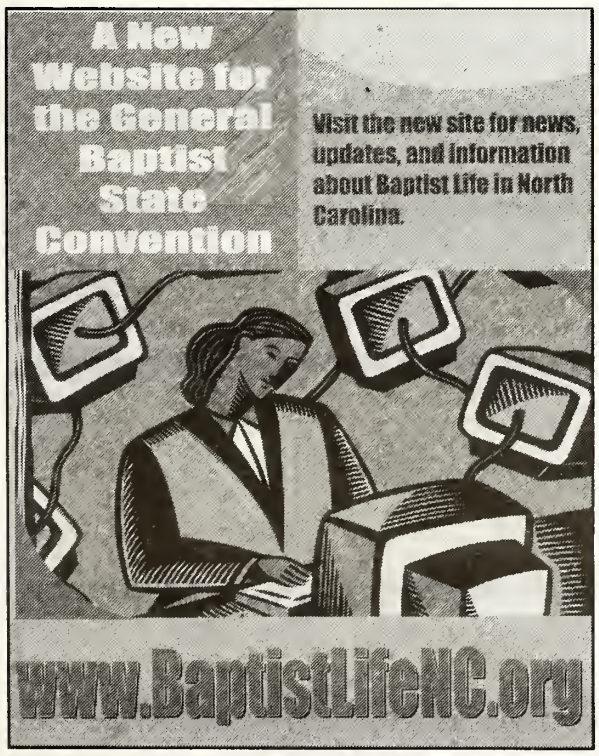
13. The Director and Assistant Director will conduct a drawing prior to the beginning of the contest, with all contestants present, for the speaking order.

14. Please keep in mind that you were created in the image of God. You are a good and talented person and in God's eyes, everyone is a winner!

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS
Oratorical Contest 2007

1. Applicants are to complete application with all of the required information. Applications not completely filled out will not be accepted.

2. Please ensure that all REQUIRED signatures are on the form.



3. Completed applications:

THE DEADLINE DATE IS JUNE 15, 2007
APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON SITE!

4. Any applications received after this date will not be accepted. It is not our intention to make this an issue; however, it is not fair to Associations who submitted their paperwork on time.

5. PLEASE DO NOT MAIL APPLICATIONS AND SPEECHES TO THE GBSC HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. MAIL THEM TO THE ADDRESS INDICATED ON THE FORM. PLEASE DO NOT MAIL APPLICATIONS AND SPEECHES TO THE GBSC HEADQUARTERS BUILDING. MAIL THEM TO THE ADDRESS INDICATED ON THE FORM.

6. Any problems that you encounter, any questions that you may have, please feel free to make contact with the person listed below :

Oratorical Director
Mrs. C. Trumilla McDowell
115 East McDowell Street
Elizabethtown, NC 28337

7. IT IS A REQUIREMENT THAT WE HAVE A COPY OF THE CONTESTANT'S SPEECH PRIOR TO THE CONTESTANT SPEAKING.

8. Please Help US Help you! *(continued next page)*

GBSC OFFICIAL ORATORICAL CONTEST
JUDGE'S SCORE SHEET 2007
DIVISION:_____

Contestant #

TOPIC:_____

CONTESTANT			
PERSONAL QUALITIES		**20 POINTS**	
0-5	Appearance		
0-5	Poise		
0-5	Personality		
0-5	Attitude		
MATERIAL ORGANIZATION		**35 POINTS**	
0-10	**Theme and subject adherence –** Does speaker stay on topic throughout the entire presentation. Is the material strong or weak? Is time used to best advantage?		
0-10	**Content –** Is material adequate, does it have substance?		
0-5	**Structure –** Is speech organized, well planned and constructed?		
0-5	**Logic** – Does speech make sense? Does it follow a reasoned pattern?		
0-5	**Color** – Does speech appeal to the heart as well as mind? Does it have good use of imagery? Does it include examples?		
DELIVERY AND PRESENTATION		**35 POINTS**	
0-10	**Voice –** Is there quality and variety of expression (rate, inflection, volume)		
0-10	**Pronunciation –** Are all words spoken correctly (PLEASE OVERLOOK SPEECH IMPEDIMENTS)		
0-5	**Eye Contact –** Does the speaker make eye contact with audience or do they stare out into space		
0-5	**Gestures –**Does the control and use of the body, while speaking add/detract to the speech?		
0-5	**Sincerity/Emphasis –** Was a true tone used to communicate to the audience instead of talking at them?		
OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS		**10 POINTS**	
0-5	**Impression –** Did the speech make an impression in minds of listeners (arouse a response)?		
0-5	**Effect –** Did the speaker communicate to the audience what the speech was to accomplish?		
TOTAL SCORE (without penalties)			
	JUDGE'S PENALTIES		
DQ	USE OF PROPS/SERMONS/NOT SPEAKING ON OFFICIAL TOPICS		
-1-5	Self-Identification (Maximum Points 5)		
-3	Failure to Announce Subject at Beginning of Oration		
TOTAL SCORE *(including Judge's Penalties)*			
Judge's Signature		**Judge #**	**Date**
	TIME PENALTY		
-5	Over or Under (time limit)		

Gaston County Missionary Study Institute



The Youth Department of the Gaston County Missionary Union participated in a week of study recently. The session was held at the Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, Belmont, where Rev. Michael A. Glenn serves as pastor. Pictured are some of the youth participants with their teachers—Sisters Adrenne Daniels, Enid Briggs, Ann Hill, Cynthia Hicks and Cindy Reeves. Dr. Shirley W. Bullock, pictured with the youth, was the instructor for the adult Missionary Institute with an enrollment that exceeded one hundred participants. Mrs. Zenobia Briggs is president of the Gaston County Missionary Union.
(Photo contributed by Bro. Alan Coleman)

COVER SHEET FOR SPEECHES

(Complete and return attached to speech)
PLEASE PRINT

Contestant's Name_____
Topic of Speech_____
Division_____
Association_____
Number of Pages_____
Point of Contact for questions and or clarification:
Name_____
Telephone_____

CONTESTANT'S DATA 2007
(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLLY)

NAME
ADDRESS
PARENTS' NAME
COACH
CHURCH
PASTOR
ASSOCIATION
MODERATOR
GOALS

JAMES F. WERTZ ORATORICAL CONTEST

Congress of Christian Education of the General Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc.

Speech (Oratorical) Contest Entry Form

(Contestants who have been declared winners in their ASSOCIATIONS should complete this form)

Name of Contestant:_____ **M F**

Address:_____

City_____ **State**_____**Zip Code**_____

Telephone () _____

NAME OF CHURCH_____

PASTOR'S NAME_____

ASSOCIATION REPRESENTING_____

MODERATOR'S NAME_____

LIST PRIOR CONTEST IN WHICH YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN:

Local Church _____

Association _____

Other _____

TOPIC _____

DIVISION_____

YOUR GRADE AS OF JULY 1, 2007_____

Signature of Sunday School Superintendent

Signature of District President

PLEASE MAIL APPLICATION AND A COPY OF SPEECH TO:
Mrs. C. Trumilla McDowell
115 East McDowell Street
Elizabethtown, NC 28337

APPLICATION DEADLINE DATE IS JUNE 15, 2007

James Wertz Oratorical Contest

TIME AND PENALTY SHEET

TIMES

PREPARATORY DIVISION
TIME: 3 – 4 MINUTES

JUNIOR DIVISION
TIME: 4 – 5 MINUTES

SENIOR DIVISION
TIME: 4 – 5 MINUTES

PENALTIES

• DEDUCT FIVE (5) POINTS FROM ANY CONTESTANT WHO FAIL TO STAY WITHIN THE REQUIRED TIME LIMIT FOR THEIR PARTICULAR DIVISION.

• PLEASE MAKE SURE TO CHECK ALL PENALTIES FROM THE JUDGES AND INDICATE THEM IN YOUR TOTAL WHEN COMPUTING THE TOTAL SCORE *(including Judges' Penalties)*

JUDGES PENALTIES

DQ - MEANS DISQUALIFICATION

• A Contestant will be disqualified in they use any props *(i.e. Bibles, note cards, posters, prompting from anyone).*

• A Contestant will be disqualified if they present a sermon. The distinction is clear. Contestants are to present speeches.

• A Contestant will be disqualified if they do not speak on the official topics. Each Division has specific topics that they are required to speak on. Any deviation from the topic is not the Official Topic.

SELF IDENTIFICATION
(1 – 5 POINTS)

• A Contestant who makes reference to their geographical location; their pastors, churches, associations, schools, etc will be deducted no less than 1 point and no more than 5 points. The point spread is based on whether or not the identification was crucial. Please keep in mind that this is a Judge's Judgment call.

FAILURE TO ANNOUNCE SUBJECT AT THE BEGINNING OF ORATION (3 POINTS)

• A Contestant who fails to announce their topic at the beginning of the Oration. Examples of announcing subjects at the beginning of the Oration is: *My Topic Is; Today I will be speaking on or speaking to you on or; Just stating the Topic*. The purpose of stating the topic at the beginning is so that as a Judge you can readily identify what the Contestant is speaking on. They may state the Topic several other times within the speech; however, our position is that for your benefit it must be stated at the beginning.

SPEECH DELIVERY TIPS

- Make sure that your appearance is well presented

- Speak clearly, and adjust your voice so that everyone can hear you. Don't shout for the sake of being loud

- It is common to speak rapidly when nervous, try to take your time speaking

- Effectively used, a pause in your speech can be used to emphasize a point, or to allow the audience to react to a fact, anecdote or joke

- Make eye contact with your audience. This helps to build trust and a relationship between the speaker and the listeners

- Do not fidget or make other nervous gestures with your hands. - Do not keep your hands in your pockets. Do use hand gestures effectively

- Be yourself; allow your own personality to come across in your speech

Suggestions for Calling a Pastor

Contributed by Dr. Alvin Love, Pastor, Lilydale First Baptist Church, Chicago, IL

There are some churches which seldom call a pastor. The tendency among Baptist churches is to favor long pastorates. Most of the "splits," and the dissensions which are so frequent in local churches grow out of the results of "Calling a Pastor," and could be avoided by the attention to these essentials:

1. It is presupposed that our churches in their efforts to hold the young people and to interest the more intelligent will extend a call only to the best prepared man available, other things being equal.

2. The Pastoral Search Committee should secure the record of some good man whose private life and public reputation are of the best as laid down by the Scriptures, and invite him to preach before the church on a given Sunday. There is absolutely no need of having six or seven candidates for a "vacancy."

3. He should be given to understand in the beginning that if his record and qualities are satisfactory to the church, his services may be engaged as a pastor. An unknown candidate should be required to present letters of recommendation from sources satisfactory to the church.

4. Whatever course of procedure is decided upon by the officers of the church and the Pastoral Search Committee, the matter should be submitted to the church and passed upon by it.

5. When the day is set for action for the calling of a pastor, a public notice stating the fact should be read~ at least three weeks before the date of the church ~Meeting at which the minister is to be called.

6. While a majority vote is sufficient to elect in all cases, it is nevertheless advisable that at least three-fourths of the votes of the active members of the church present should be in favor of the candidate.

7. When arrangements have been made as to the time of beginning the new pastorate, arrangements for his installation should also be made.

FINDING THE RIGHT PASTOR

How should a Church go about finding the "right" pastor? At the outset, the congregation must be prepared. Wise lay leaders will analyze the attitude of the church and deal with it appropriately. Outside denominational help may be needed. At least five undesirable attitudes can hinder the process if they are not corrected.

AVOID THESE ATTITUDES

1. A mood of discouragement is often evident: a feeling that no one as competent as the former pastor can ever be secured.
2. A second troublesome attitude is that of either panic or impatience. The vacant pulpit seems to be a major calamity which must be solved with haste. If this attitude captures the congregation, they may call the first available preacher with disastrous results.
3. Sometimes a critical spirit prevails because of a feeling that the former pastor was inadequate. This may cause a congregation to judge all pastors harshly, especially if they have the same denominational or seminary background as the former pastor.
4. Closely akin to the critical spirit is the pride which insists that no one but a well-known and popular pastor should be considered. This, too, can lead to disappointment and even chastening by the Lord.
5. The fifth possible negative attitude is the pervading spirit which imagines that the financial situation of the church can be strengthened by postponing the calling of a pastor. Money normally used to pay the pastor can now be used to pay bills, finance overdue repairs, or build a reserve in the treasury. This attitude is, of course, self-defeating.

HAVE AN EXPECTANT ATTITUDE

All of these attitudes must be replaced with an expectant spirit. The church must consistently remind itself that the sovereign Lord has chosen some special person to fill the vacancy. With this assurance the church can launch out and accept the challenge to discover God's will. The key to this discovery is the practice of believing prayer by the whole congregation. Every member of the church, every family, and every group should assign top priority to this prayer effort. By doing so, they will not only facilitate the pastoral selection process but will also generate a richer spiritual unity within the church.

DIRECT INITIATIVE

Before activating a pastoral search committee, however, the church should appoint a task force to conduct self-study. This task force may or may not be identical with the search committee. If it is not the same, then the search committee must have substantial input from the task force. The basic purpose of this self-

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study is to identify the needs of the church. How else can a church intelligently seek a pastor to meet its needs? The results of this self-study will assist the search comittee in finding a person whose particular gifts and abilities parallel the needs of the church. Seldom can a church adequately and objectively conduct this study without either denominational or professional assistance.

APPOINT A PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

During the time the self-study is being made, the search committee should begin its preliminary work. The use of the term "search committee" rather than "pulpit committee" is important. The older term "pulpit committee" implies that the main concern is to fill the pulpit. The designation "search committee," on the other hand, embraces the committee's total responsibility, which is to locate an all-around pastor. An existing board should not act as the search committee. Instead, the congregation should carefully select a fresh representative committee.

Members of the committee should be selected primarily for their spiritual maturity, knowledge of the Word of God, and practical understanding both of the church generally and the local church in particular. A five-member committee constitutes a good working size. Three may be enough, while seven or nine should be adequate for even the largest church. A committee should never have an even number of members.

No search committee should agree to serve unless they are given:

1. A written description of their responsibilities.
2. A careful delineation of their authority.
3. A statement of the length of their appointment. A working budget for the committee must be determined. Less confusion results if the search committee is also responsible for providing pulpit supply and/or interim pastoral selection.

APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM PASTOR

If an interim pastor is procured he should be appointed for a stated period of time, usually six months. The congregation should be notified that the interim pastor will not be considered as a candidate. Once an interim pastor has been appointed and the self-study is completed, a pastoral job description must be written. Based on the primary needs of the Church as learned from the self-study, the qualifications for the new pastor can be outlined. A job description should accompany every request for the names of possible candidates and be made available to the congregation so that members can make suitable recommendations.

THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

The primary purpose of the pastor search committee is to find and recommend someone to serve as pastor. This committee, naturally, should seek God's leadership through the Holy Spirit to direct them in this responsibility. Some of the suggested duties are listed below:

1. Establish guidelines for the work of the committee. The guidelines for this committee should be established before the committee begins looking for a pastor. Several important considerations include

• What kind of pastor does the church need? Consider the following qualifications: age, health, education, special talents, experience in other churches, background.

• What is the candidate's attitude about church members, staff members, volunteer leaders, the denomination, worship design, Missions, Education, and Stewardship?

• What are the person's qualifications as a preacher? The committee should consider the candidate's: call; knowledge of the Bible; ability to communicate; feelings about the Bible's place in preaching, and responsible freedom from the pulpit.

• What does a church expect of its pastor? The committee should agree on what the church expects from its pastor. Discover church members' expectations on such areas as preaching, funerals, weddings, visitation, ministry to the sick and needy, special events, administration, evangelism, leadership, and being a visionary.

• What will the church do for the pastor? The committee should determine in advance what the church will do in terms of salary, benefits, continuing education, expenses for conventions, and retirement package.

• Where does the committee look for a pastor? The committee should discuss at this point where it will go for recommendations. The Moderator from their association or neighboring associations, denominational or state convention staff, other pastors, laypersons, and college and seminary professors are a few examples of sources that committee members can contact for recommendations.

• How will the committee consider recommendations? The committee must decide how it will consider recommendations for persons. In most cases, resumes are submitted for prospective pastors. To maintain equality each person recommended should be asked to complete an application. The application should be the same for each applicant so all candidates answer the same questions and can be evaluated on the same criteria.

2. Gather information about prospective pastors. When the committee has established its guidelines, it should begin to interview potential candidates. The application information and references should provide adequate information in making a choice.

3. Visit a prospective pastor who is available. When the committee agrees that one person meets the qualifications, they should meet and visit that person's church or in a neutral site arranged prior to the time of the visit. The committee should decide as soon as possible whether to invite this prospective candidate to visit their church. If they are no longer interested in a candidate, they should notify him of this decision. When arranging for a prospective pastor to visit the church, the committee should decide the purpose of the visit. Is the candidate coming for an informational (further interviewing) visit or a visit to preach in view of a call?

4. Recommend a pastor to the church. If the committee has decided on a pastor, they should recommend the prospective pastor to the church. This recommendation should be made to the church in writing and should state all the facts concerning the pastor: qualifications, experience, the church's expectations of the prospective pastor, the church's commitment to the prospective pastor, and the salary and benefits package. The committee should notify the church when and where the recommendation will be made and when the prospective pastor is to preach for the church. In presenting the pastor to the church, the moderator should call for the vote in whatever manner the church agrees. The count of these votes should be reported to the prospective pastor.

5. Notify the pastor of the church's decision. As soon as the church makes a decision, the prospective pastor should be notified. After the prospective pastor has been notified, other prospective candidates who have been involved in the process should be notified that they are no longer being considered by the church.

When the new pastor arrives, the pastor search committee, the personnel committee, and deacons should help orient the pastor to the new congregation. Such a meeting can help make the new pastor's initial days effective, thus ensuring a long-term relationship.

General Instructions for the Pastoral Search Committee

The primary purpose of the pastor search committee is to find and recommend someone to serve as pastor. Remember, you are not simply searching for a Preacher, but for a Pastor who can preach!

A. Establish Guidelines for the Work

1. Survey Church to ascertain it's needs regarding a Pastor.
2. Compilation of Church Information Packet.
3. Determine how the committee will consider recommendations.
4. Develop and distribute to each potential candidate, a "Pastoral Request for Information" form. This form will include the candidates personal testimony, experience, education, family, philosophy of ministry, doctrinal beliefs, ordination, denominational preferences, viewpoints on current theological issues, names & addresses of (5) personal references.
5. Develop Voting Procedures.

B. Evaluate Potential Candidates

1. Receive all resumes and information responses.
2. Verify information supplied.
3. Conduct interviews of prospective candidates.
4. Reduce list of potential candidates.
5. Arrange for Church visit of serious candidates.

C. Recommend Possible Pastor

1. Make recommendation to Church in writing. This recommendation should include the potential Pastor's qualifications, experience, Church expectations and Church commitment (salary and benefits package).
2. Ask Joint Board to call Church Meeting for purpose of voting.
3. Notify Pastor of Church's decision. This should be done by certified mail.

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Jesus was most noted for telling parables about His Father's Kingdom and performing miracles, such as feeding over 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish and healing a man who was born blind. On the day before His death, He held a Last Supper celebrating the Passover Feast, at which He foretold His death.

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"To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced...through Education, Missions and Fellowship," Matthew 28:19-20

By Reverend Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr.
President GBSC

Greetings to you my beloved brothers and sisters.

The Lenten season is now past and we are moving quickly toward Pentecost. In the interim, our Convention family will be quite busy with events that are designed to further enhance and strengthen GBSC disciples in efforts of Kingdom building.



Rev. Dr. Gregory K. **Moss, Sr.**

Last month's Pastors' Conference sponsored by Shaw Divinity School was top notch and second to none. It featured a gathering of some of the nation's foremost clergy and presenters. Participants were exposed to cutting-edge information, presentations and strategies for ministry that can empower and impact the local church and community. We encourage those in attendance to digest and implement what you learned so others may be blessed and enlightened.

Using the conference as a platform, the Convention will spring into several major events during the month of April and continuing into May. The Laymen convened on April 13th and 14th in Fayetteville. The Woman's Convention convened in Charlotte for a Leader's Workshop on April 14th. As stated in my previous article, our Evangelism Conference will convene with the St. Matthews Baptist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina on April 24-26. Dr. Jerry Sanders, pastor of Fountain Baptist Church in Summit, New Jersey is the conference preacher. Again, we encourage each church to send representatives to the conference. Please prepare for serious study and the development of evangelistic strategies. Opportunities for hands on evangelism will be provided during the conference.

Our Mid-Year Session will be held in conjunction with the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Association and Ellis Chapel Baptist Church in Shelby, North Carolina on May 8th and 9th. This will be the first Mid-Year Session of my presidency. I have determined to present a challenging, informative and exciting agenda. It is my desire that participants receive valuable and relevant information that will be useable and helpful to their ministry.

The session will be begin at 1:30 p.m. on May 8th with praise and worship followed by an overview of the aim, goal and purpose of the session. At 2:00 p.m., participants will have a choice of three seminars to attend. The Minister's Council will sponsor a seminar designed specifically for pastors and ministers. There will also be seminars on Financial Literacy and Health and Wellness. We have commitments from expert presenters who will be prepared to share from the depth of their experience and expertise. During the Financial Literacy seminar, you will be able to receive a free credit report and other pertinent information regarding your financial posture that will enable you to plot a course to become debt free! The evening session will be centered on powerful worship. Ebenezer Association and Ellis Chapel will provide inspirational music and Petersburg, Virginia's Reverend Wesley McLaughlin, one of the nation's best orators, will be our speaker. On Wednesday morning following praise and worship, there will be an interactive panel discussion on the emergence of Full Gospel and other like-minded groups and what it means to the traditional Missionary Baptist Church. The discussion will be led by Dr. Casey Kimbrough, Mt. Carmel-Charlotte and Dr. Peter Wherry, Mayfield Memorial-Charlotte. It is anticipated, but not yet confirmed, that Dr. Lafayette Maxwell, Mt. Zion-Durham and Moderator of New Hope Association will join the panel. As this subject appears to raise questions and concerns among Baptist circles across the state, we thought it wise to bring it to the forefront and start the conversation in an open forum. Following the panel discussion, EST Dr. Haywood T. Gray will present financial reports, followed by Presidential briefs. The session will close with a sermon and we expect to adjourn at approximately 12:00 noon.

Finally, and no less important, is a request for your continued support for State Missions and objectives. During the last five months, I have traveled across the state meeting and interacting with the wonderful pastors, ministers and laypersons of our beloved Convention. I have received many letters and emails expressing excitement about the opportunities that are before us. There are also those who have expressed "cautious optimism". There are those who have adopted a "wait and see" attitude; and, of course, there is an element that does not hold much hope for our Convention's future. Yet, with God's help, we are still here, having weathered many a storm and continuing to be a force in the work of ministry and mission. I am appealing to you to prayerfully consider your support for State Missions. Conversations with pastors and leaders across the state have shown that there appears to be a slight confusion regarding our giving. Many contribute to the objectives ***through*** the convention, believing they are supportive of State Missions; however, this is not the case. Funds for objectives are sent to the ***objectives*** and on a ***timely basis. These funds are not used for the operation of the Convention.*** For reasons known and unknown, many churches have not contributed to State Missions for sometime now. If the Convention is expected to educate, teach and train associations and churches to equip saints for ministry, we need all of our resources (churches) contributing. I'm asking you to consider the 750 Plan developed by EST Gray; 750 churches giving a minimum of $1,200.00 per year designated for State Missions. These dollars will enable the Convention to operate on a more efficient level and provide services to our churches' ministries and missions' efforts. Please use the Mid-Year Session to bring a liberal offering to support State Missions. This is our Convention, let's show our love, care and concern for her efforts by being loyal, responsible and accountable as members of the GBSC family.

May God bless you and may God bless the General Baptist State Convention.



Dr. Haywood T. **Gray**
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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The General Board



Dr. Howard **Parker, Jr.**

Dr. Howard W. Parker, Jr.
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The General Board of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina met on December 28, 2006 in Raleigh for the purpose of seating the Members of the Executive Committee. Since the December date, the General Board has not met. Some of the Members of the General Board attended the Retreat in Atlantic Beach which was held on Sunday, February 4, 2007 – Tuesday, February 6, 2007.

Our President, Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr., has shared the Convention theme with us for the next four years, "To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced through Education, Missions and Fellowship," Matthew 28:19-20. The retreat was educational for all attending, we were reminded of our need to give to missions (and some did at the retreat) and the fellowship was grand.

Much of what we do as a Convention, as far as funds are concerned, comes from State Missions. For years, our Convention has operated on insufficient funds for State Missions but, the funding through State Missions provides for the operations and the programming of our Convention.

In Elizabeth City, our Executive Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Haywood T. Gray, offered us a plan called Campaign 750 which provides a simple solution for this on going problem. In a nut shell, Campaign 750 is our attempt to have 750 churches to commit to sending $100.00 each month to the Baptist Headquarters for State Missions.

The plan is simple, but the results could be profound and long lasting. I join our EST in asking the Pastors and Churches which make up our Convention to join in this effort ***"To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced..."***

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From the desk of the First Vice-President

Dr. Nilous Avery, II, D. Min.
First Vice-President



Dr. Nilous **Avery, II**

"To all in [the General Baptist family] who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world" (Romans 1:7-8, NIV).

The story is told about a man who was walking down the street and pulling a chain behind him. Several individuals asked him why he was pulling the chain. He replied which an interesting question of his own: "Did you ever try to push one?" The idea of pushers and pullers has existed through the ages.

In Jesus' day, the Caesars, the centurions, and the religious leaders symbolized pushers who sought to destroy Jesus and push people against their will. When pushers spoke, people were expected to jump in submissive and oppressive obedience.

Jesus provided an insightful directive to the twelve original disciples in Matthew 20:25-26 (NIV): "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant."

Walter Rauschenbusch (The Social Principles of Jesus) suggests that Jesus chose the kind of people he did to follow Him because Jesus wanted to influence the world with a new kind of leadership -- one that would serve and not exploit. Jesus sought people who would not be spoiled by success and poisoned by the possession of power. The search continues today!

According to Clarence Cranford (Taught by the Master), Jesus' idea of leadership clashed with the popular thought of that day. Many thought of leadership as climbing on top of people to gain position and power. Jesus' idea of leadership emphasized getting underneath people and their problems, and trying to lift them to a new life, a new hope, a new purpose, and a new fulfillment.

Jesus is our exemplary model: "...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve" (Matthew 20:28, NIV). Therefore, we must be servants of Christ in our homes, churches, to our communities, and the world. We have been saved in order to serve! We must serve with compassion, not confusion. We are equipped, enlightened, empowered, and endowed by the Holy Spirit to be:

- Pullers, not pushers,
- Lifters, not oppressors,
- Persuaders, not dictators,
- Missionaries, not "messy-naries!"

We can live out our call to be pullers and not pushers through our prayerful and financial support of State Missions. Numerous initiatives are possible when we support this arm of our great convention. These initiatives provide opportunities for individuals, local churches, associations, unions, and others to invest in our General Baptist Convention's aim and desire "to convince the unconvinced to be convinced through education, missions, and fellowship."

"To the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen." (Romans 16: 27, NIV) ■

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THEME: *"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness..."* (II Corinthians 6:7)

Only Children Allowed

By Dr. Ricky L. Banks,
3rd. Vice-President To GBSC



Rev. Ricky **Banks**

At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them. And said, verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18:1-3 KJV

At the close of World War II some veterans returned home to discover that the houses they wanted to rent had signs which read "no children allowed." Having served their country with honor, they were dismayed. Jesus put up a different sign: "Only Children Allowed." He said that unless we have the qualities characteristic of children, we cannot enter the kingdom of heaven.

At their best, children are not preoccupied with rank and status.

How can we become like little children? Jesus says we must turn. The New Testament word used for "turn" means to change or be converted. There is absolutely no chance that we can become like children in our own strength. We cannot be reborn by ourselves. We can only turn and become like children as we enter into a relationship to God through Jesus Christ.

Racism is a sin of idolatry. It puts race in the place of God. It stresses the superiority of one race over all others. To get rid of our racism, we must turn and be converted.

The good news from Jesus is that we can get rid of our racism. We can become like children again. Through Jesus Christ, we can turn and enter the kingdom of heaven like little children. ■

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To God be the glory for mothers who love the Lord with all their heart, soul, and mind. Mothers who love their neighbors as themselves, who have been made righteousness through Jesus Christ by God our Father in heaven. What faith in Christ had grandmother Lois and mother Eunice. These women exemplified such a life before Timothy and shared with him who became a preacher (See 2 Timothy 2:15). A mother's faith in Christ has great impact upon her household and persons with whom she comes in contact.

Thus witness the words of one who felt the impact and came to share his mother's faith in Christ:

FAITH OF OUR MOTHERS!

Faith of our mothers, living still, In cradle song and bed-time prayer; In nursery lore and fireside love, Thy presence still pervades the air. Faith of our mothers, living faith, We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, loving faith, Fount of our childhood's trust and grace, Oh, may thy consecration prove Source of a finer, nobler race; Faith of our mothers loving faith, We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, guiding faith, For youthful longing, youthful doubt, How blurred our vision, blind our way, thy providential care without. Faith of our mothers guiding faith, We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, Christian faith, In truth beyond our stumbling creeds, Still serve the home and save the Church, And breathe thy spirit through our deeds; Faith of our mothers, Christian faith, We will be true to thee till death.

Happy Mother's Day

A Mother's Faith

By Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Executive Secretary Treasurer

REMINDERS

1. Scholarship Program-Young Adults or Youth applying for scholarships, should apply on or before May 31, 2007. Contact the office: (919) 833-4823 for applications and brochures.

2. The Leadership Training Conference will convene June 4th –8th, 2007 at J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly at Laurel Hill. The deadline for pre-registration is May 18th. Please contact the office for Pre-Registration forms.

3. Housing Reservation Forms are now available for the 123rd Annual Session in Winston-Salem. Please complete the form and send it directly to the given address on the form. The Annual Session will meet July 23rd-26th 2007 at the Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem.

4. Mission Prayer Day is June 23rd, 2007. Please send to the office for the free material for the missionary county unions, and churches not associated with a union. Use the form given in the SWLW Booklet or contact the office for a form.

5. The Young Adult Retreat will Be held June 2nd, 2007. Pre-Registration $20.00 Single; $35.00 couple. On-Site $21.00 Single; $36.00 Couples (Husband & Wife). Please pre-register by May 18, 2007. (See Form)

6. The Youth Bible Camp will be held June 10-15, 2007 (Week 1); June 17-22, 2007 (Week 2); June 24-29, 2007 (Week 3) at the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly. Campers are received on a first-come basis. Please contact the office for Youth Bible Camp applications now.

7. Self Denial Envelopes can be secured from the office.

* 8. When books are mailed there will need to be an additional cost for postage the invoice will reflect the book cost and the additional cost of postage.

9. District Conference color code for July (Annual Session) will change:

2006	Blue (Everyone)
2007	Green (Everyone)
2008	Yellow (Everyone)
2009	Red (Everyone)

10. The 2006-2007 Budget is in the amount $819,055.00 which will be distributed among the objectives: State Missions- $578,154.00, Foreign Missions $80,901.00, Shaw University-$49,500.00, Shaw Divinity School-$33,500.00, Central Children Home-$36,500.00 and Baptist Assembly-$40,500.00. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602. PLEASE send generous funds now in particular for State Missions. More than one half of funds sent, if designated should be designated for State Mission, because of the ministries, staff, and operations cost. THANKS TO GOD AND TO YOU in advance for responding to this our great need in order to implement His mission effectively.



Dr. Priscilla **Brodie**

11. The WBH & FMC United Southern Assembly for District 5 & 6 will be held Saturday, May 26th, 2007 at Lewis Chapel Baptist Church, Fayetteville, beginning at 9:30A.M. All pastors and churches of these districts are invited to attend. ■

Laymen's League Men & Boys Retreat

July 20-21, 2007

J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly ~ Laurel Hill, NC 28351

WBH & FMC Annual Session

July 22-26, 2007

M. C. Benton Convention Center ~ 301 W. 5th Street ~ Winston-Salem, NC

WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME & FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

JUNE 2, 2007 LOCATION: TBA

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER BEFORE THE DEADLINE: MAY 18th, 2007

Advance Donation: ____$20.00 Per Person ____$35.00 Per Couple *(Husband and Wife)*

On-Site Donation: ___ $21.00 Per Person ____$36.00 Per Couple *(Husband and Wife)*

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: $_____

Name:_____
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Church:_____

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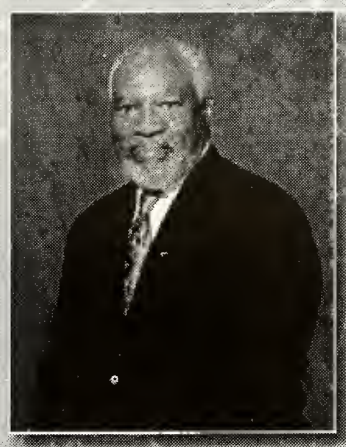
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Name of Child(ren)

Age(s)

I shall not hold the Woman's Convention or GBSC liable for any injury which occurs to my child(ren) during the Young Adult Retreat. Please mail blank and money by May 18TH, 2007 to:

Woman's Baptist State Convention
P.O. Box 1818
Raleigh, NC 27602



Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr.
Senior Minister
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Charlotte, North Carolina

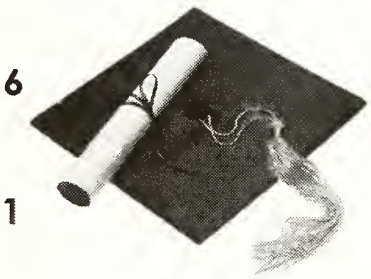
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Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
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Black College Awareness Day 2007

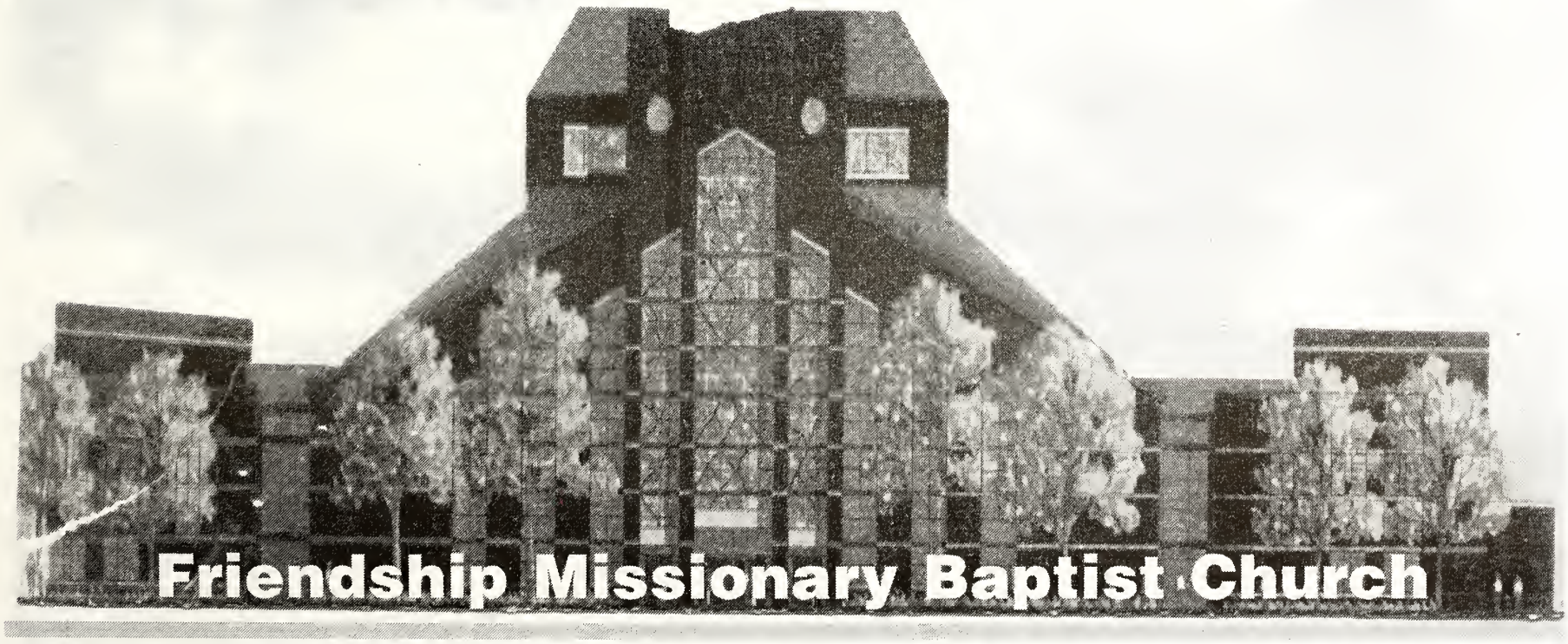
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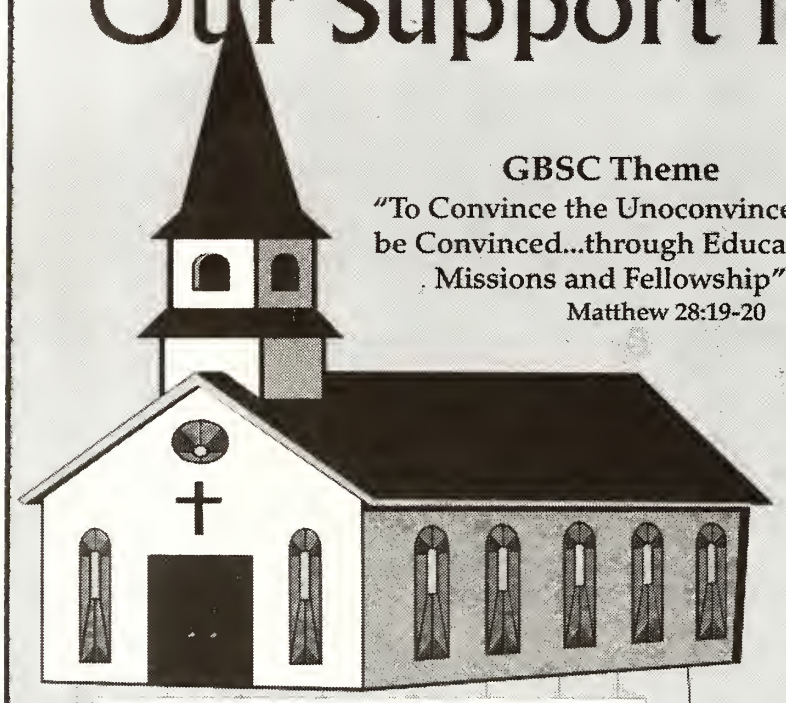
"Education is not the filling of a bucket, but the lighting of a fire." -W.B. Yeats

ACTIVITIES
Financial Aid Workshops
Middle School Focus Groups
Millennial Parent Workshop
Access to Higher Education (ADA)
College Survival "Rap Sessions"
Greek Displays
Door Prizes/Entertainment and more...
Lunch and child care provided

For more BCAD information,
call (704) 537-6197 or (704) 391-3871
bcad@friendshipcharlotte.org

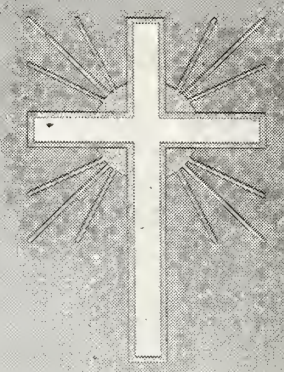


Our Support for Christ's Ministry



GBSC Theme
"To Convince the Unoconvinced to be Convinced...through Education, Missions and Fellowship"
Matthew 28:19-20

GBSC Motto
"The multitude that does not reduce itself to unity is confusion"



The point is this:

"He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."
II Corinthians 9.6 (RSV)

Contributions are received from the local churches.

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THE HISTORY OF THE BAPTIST INFORMER
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The incorporation of the Baptist Sentinel Publishing Company is dated April 27, 1905. It remained as the official organ of the Convention. Taking over the paper in 1942, Reverend Otis Hairston was the editor for fourteen years. During his regime, the name of the paper was change from, the *Union Reformer* to the *Baptist Informer*. In an attempt to give North Carolina Baptists a more attractive publication with a name more meaningful the journal was changed to a 16-page magazine, and the name to Baptist Informer, February, 1942. Since 2005, Mrs. Portia H. Brandon, M. Div., serves as the Managing Editor.

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Dr. Haywood T. Gray
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603 South Wilmington St.
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The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, Aux. to GBSC
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"A mind is a terrible thing to waste."

Scholarships & Grants

Mrs. Portia H. Brandon, M. Div.
Christian Education Coordinator/
Managing Editor


Portia H. **Brandon**

Scholarship Name: UNCF GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP
Scholarship Value: up to $ 5000
Classifications:
Minimum GPA: 2.5
Eligible Majors: Open
Eligible Schools: UNCF Institutes
Eligible Locations: Open
Application Deadline : Saturday, June 30, 2007 How to Apply : Online
Scholarship Detail: If you are a student at a UNCF member college or university it is highly recommended that you complete a UNCF General Scholarship application. The UNCF General Scholarship application will allow you access to the over 400 different scholarship programs. UNCF awards scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students attending UNCF member colleges and universities. To be considered for a UNCF scholarship, you must meet certain basic eligibility requirements: -Students must be enrolled full-time in a UNCF member college or university - Students must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and -Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Scholarship Name: HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS SCHOLARSHIP Scholarship Value: $3,000
Classifications: Open Minimum GPA 2.5
Eligible Majors: Open
Eligible Schools: UNCF Member Colleges and Universities
Eligible Locations: Open
Scholarship Detail: Applicants for the Harlem Globetrotters Scholarship program must be engaged in an athletic program at the UNCF member college or university attending.
Donor/Sponsor Name: Harlem Globetrotters

Scholarship Name: MALCOLM X SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE Scholarship Value: $4,000
Classifications: Open Minimum GPA: 2.5
Eligible Majors: Open
Eligible Schools: UNCF Member Colleges and Universities
Eligible Locations: Open
Scholarship Detail: This scholarship is awarded to students who have overcome tremendous hardships and special circumstances. The student must also demonstrate academic excellence, campus and community leadership. It is available to students attending a UNCF member college or university.
Donor/Sponsor Name: Spike Lee

Scholarship Name: MCCA LLOYD M. JOHNSON, JR. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM Scholarship Value: $10,000
Classifications: Undergraduate Senior Minimum GPA: 3.0
Eligible Majors: Open Eligible Schools: Open Eligible Locations: Open Application Deadline : Friday, June 01, 2007
How to Apply : Online
Scholarship Detail: The Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA) is continuing their initiative designed to support entering first year law students nationwide who have been accepted into an accredited law school. The MCCA LMJ, Jr. Scholars Program will provide 10 scholarships at $10,000 per year for up to three years. The total commitment per student is $30,000. Three runner-ups will also receive a one-time gift of $10,000.00 for their participation in the application process. Note: The on-line applicants need to also download the attached financial need form. College seniors, college graduates and graduate students are eligible to apply. The program is open to entering 1st year law students..
Donor/Sponsor Name: Minority Corporate Counsel Association

Scholarship Name: MARRIOTT SCHOLARS PROGRAM
Scholarship Value: up to $ 9000
Classifications: College Freshman, High School Senior, High School Graduate Minimum GPA: 3.0
Eligible Majors: Culinary, Food & Beverage, Hospitality Management, Hotel Management, Restaurant Management
Eligible Schools: Open for 4 Year Colleges Only
Eligible Locations: Open
Application Deadline : Mon., April 30, 2007
How to Apply : Online
Scholarship Detail: We can propel you toward your future with the financial support you need and the professional career development you want now, before you graduate. We invite you to apply to the Marriott Scholars Program which offers financial support of up to $9,000 per year for four years coupled with opportunities for on-going career guidance and mentoring by Marriott hotel managers and corporate executives. Marriott is the largest and most rapidly growing leader in the hospitality industry, offering a diverse range of career opportunities in hospitality management, hotel management, food & beverage and culinary. You'll also have internship opportunities at hotels where you can experience first-hand Marriott's rich culture, "Spirit to Serve" philosophy, and diverse family of associates known for the care we provide to guests, each other, and our communities. Prepare now for your future and together, we will build the future of the hospitality industry.

Scholarship Name: DR. WILLIAM R. GILES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Scholarship Value: up to $ 3000
Classifications: College Freshman, College Sophomore, High School Senior Minimum GPA: 3.0
Eligible Majors: Accounting, Business, Finance, Marketing, Management
Eligible Schools: Miles College, Oakwood College, Stillman College, Talladega College, Tuskegee University, Philander Smith College, Bethune-Cookman University, Edward Waters College, Florida Memorial University, Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, Paine College, Spelman College, Dillard University, Xavier University of Louisiana, Rust College, Tougaloo College, Bennett College, Johnson C. Smith University, Livingstone College, Shaw University, Saint Augustine's College, Wilberforce University, Allen University, Benedict College, Claflin University, Morris College, Voorhees College, Fisk University, Lane College, LeMoyne-Owen College, Huston-Tillotson University, Paul Quinn College, Jarvis Christian College, Texas College, Wiley College, Saint Paul's College, Virginia Union University
Eligible Locations: New Jersey
Application Deadline : Monday, April 30, 2007
How to Apply : Onlinr
Scholarship Detail: The Dr. William R. Giles Scholarship was established to support deserving New Jersey students. Dr. Giles was a tremendous supporter of education and UNCF. Candidates must attend one of the thirty-nine UNCF institutions and major in the fields of business, finance, accounting or marketing. The scholarship will be awarded for the 2007-2008 Academic year.
Donor/Sponsor Name: Sharon Alexander Giles and Family

Scholarship Name: MCCA LLOYD M. JOHNSON JR., SCHOLARSHIP Scholarship Value: up to $ 10000
Classifications: College Senior, College Graduate, Graduate Student Minimum GPA: 3.0 Eligible Majors: Open
Eligible Schools: Open for 4 Year Colleges Only
Eligible Locations: Open
Application Deadline : Friday, June 01, 2007
How to Apply : Online
Scholarship Detail: MCCA was founded in 1997 to advocate for the expanded hiring, retention, and promotion of minority attorneys in corporate law departments and the law firms that sever them. MCCA accomplishes its mission through the collection and dissemination of information about diversity in the legal profession. The MCCA Lloyd M. Johnson, Jr. Scholarship Program provides scholarship support for newly entering first year law students. The Scholarship Program will provide 10 scholarships at $10,000 per year for up to three years. The total commitment per student is $30,000. Three runner-ups will also receive a one-time gift of $10,000 for their participation in the application process. MCCA intends to foster mentoring opportunities for the selected scholars as well as assist in the placement of the winners in paid summer internship positons with corporate law departments during the summer immediately following successful completion of their first year of law school Applicants must be a U.S. ciizen and able to show proof of same, if requested. Applicant must show proof of his/her acceptance into a U.S. accredited law school on or before the application deadline (to start in fall 2007). Applicant must have an interest in diversity. Applicant must be financially disadvantaged. Applicant must demonstrate community service and leadership qualities. Applicant must demonstrate high academic achievement during his/her undergraduate career. Applicant must be enrolled in law school on a full-time basis in the fall 2007. Program is OPEN TO ALL U.S. CITIZENS.
Donor/Sponsor Name: Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA)
Donor/Sponsor URL: http://www.mcca.com

A Tribute to Mothers

WHEN GOD CREATED MOTHERS

by Erma Bombeck

When the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was into his sixth day of "overtime" when an angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And the Lord said, "Have you read the specs on this order?

- She has to be completely washable, but not plastic;
- Have 180 movable parts... all replaceable;
- Run on black coffee and leftovers;
- Have a lap that disappears when she stands up;
- A kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair;
- And six pairs of hands."

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands... no way."

"It's not the hands that are causing me problems," said the Lord. "It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows. Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't but what she has to know, and of course the ones here in front that can look at a child when he goofs up and say, 'I understand and I love you' without so much as uttering a word."

"Lord," said the angel, touching His sleeve gently, "Go to bed. Tomorrow..."

"I can't," said the Lord, "I'm so close to creating something so close to myself. Already I have one who heals herself when she is sick... can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger... and can get a nine-year-old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of a mother very slowly. "It's too soft," she sighed.

"But she's tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what this mother can do or endure."

"Can it think?"

"Not only can it think, but it can reason and compromise," said the Creator.

Finally, the angel bent over and ran her finger across the cheek. "There's a leak," she pronounced.

"I told You You were trying to push too much into this model."

"It's not a leak," said the Lord. "It's a tear."

"What's it for?"

"It's for joy, sadness, disappointment, pain, loneliness, and pride."

"You are a genius," said the angel.

The Lord looked somber. "I didn't put it there," He said.

State Youth Oratorical Conference

Ms. Lula Gainey, President
Congress of Christian Education

Greetings, My GBSC Family:

Thank you for your continued support of our Congress of Christian Education Objectives. We had a very successful Mid-Year Session in February and the reinstatement of our VBS Clinic was overwhelmingly supported with participation from across the State. Our officers are committed with, "A Mind and Heart for Ministry" at your call as we strive "To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced . . . Through Education, Missions and Fellowship".

Our fiscal year is quickly coming to a close, if you have not sent in your Annual Quota for "2007" please do so as soon as possible. That amount is $400.00 annually or $200.00 bi-annually earmarked for our State Congress.

We are currently in the final planning stages for our State Oratorical Conference, being held June 25 – 27, 2007 at Winston Salem State University, Winston Salem, North Carolina. Please mark your calendars and plan to share with the "Young" and "Young At Heart" in these (3) days and (2) nights of education, orations and Fellowship. A bulk mailing detailing Oratorical Procedures went out to each GBSC church in late March. The same manual was given to those of you who were in attendance of the Mid-Year Oratorical Class. New Topics for the "2007 – 2008" years were released. Please adhere to the rules and procedures released in the Manual for the State Oratorical Conference. Let me reiterate the Oratorical Conference is open to all YOUTH, but only declared representatives of the (62) Associations that make up the General Baptist State Convention. (1 Contestant per Division per Association) participate in the Oratorical Contests. If you have not yet received the "2007 – 2008" Oratorical Information, please go to the GBSC Web site www.BaptistlifeNC.org at the Home page, click on the Resources Tab, next go down to Publications and click on "2007" James F. Wertz Oratorical, you should be able to download the complete Manual.

Winston Salem State University Staff are excited about our group coming to the WSSU campus and are working diligently with us to make this event positive in every aspect.

You may begin early registration with our GBSC office immediately. Please adhere to the quoted figures as printed. On Campus Registration & Check In at the:

ANDERSON CENTER, Monday, June 25, 2007 beginning at 12 NOON – Dinner will be served @ 4PM Monday. Tuesday, June 26th Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, Wednesday, June 27th Breakfast.

Day Attendees and those choosing Not to live on Campus will still pay the Conference Registration Fees and be responsible for your own housing and meals.

On Campus Participants will be responsible for (Bed Linen & Towels for (2) nights stay), all toiletries, and PERSONALS that make you Function!!! You may bring your own Radios, CD-Players, MP-3'S, TV & Phones at your OWN risk! Lost Keys will be paid directly to WSSU at check-out $50.00.

PREPARATORY DIVISION
6TH, 7TH & 8TH Graders as of July 2007

JUNIOR DIVISION
9TH, 10TH, & 11TH Graders as of July 2007

SENIORS DIVISION
Rising Seniors ONLY

On Campus Housing & Meals

	Conference Registration	Room/Board	Meal Ticket (5) Meals	Total
Contestants		$10.00/Night(2)	$25.00	$45.00
Youth (9—17)	$5.00	$10.00/Night(2)	$25.00	$50.00
Youth (0 – 8)	$5.00		$25.00	$30.00
Adults (18—Up	$10.00	$20.00/Night(2)	$25.00	$75.00

Mrs. C. Trumilla McDowell
Oratorical Contest Director
910-862-3844

2007-2010

J. F. Wertz Oratorical Topics

General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.



SENIOR DIVISION
(rising high school seniors as of July 1, 2007)

- ***Being Trustworthy Is Important To Succeeding In Life***
- ***Standing For Jesus When It Is Not Popular***
- ***Extreme Makeover***
- ***You Cannot Fake Your Faithfulness***
- ***Let The Lord Build Your House***
- ***Jesus Is For Losers***
- ***How To Be A Hero***
- ***Equipped!***
- ***Alcohol And Christian Teens Don't Mix***
- ***Why I Am Loyal To God***

JUNIOR DIVISION
(9th, 10th, 11th grade as of July 1, 2007)

- ***Sometimes I Feel Like Life Is Not Fair, But I Continue To Be Fair To Others***
- ***What Does Being A Christian Mean To Me***
- ***Tell Me Who I Am!***
- ***Just Keep Walking***
- ***Building On A Good Foundation***
- ***Signed, Sealed And Delivered!***
- ***How To Persuade And Influence Peers***
- ***What Is Wrong With Teenage Smoking***
- ***What Christianity Means To Me***
- ***If Not Me, "Who"?***

PREPARATORY DIVISION
(6th, 7th, 8th grade as of July 1, 2007)

- ***Being Treated Unfair Makes Me Feel Bad***
- ***Get Real***
- ***Peer Pressure Should Not Affect My Actions***
- ***Being Honest Takes Courage***
- ***My Friend Jesus***
- ***Jesus Is....***
- ***Do You Hear What I Hear?***
- ***Where Would You Be Without God?***
- ***Heaven or Hell***
- ***A Faithful Friend***

Tax Cut Makes Highly-Rated NC College Savings Plan Even Better

By Dexter Vincent Perry
Sr. Wealth Planner



Mr. Dexter **Perry**

The North Carolina General Assembly has delivered some great news for every North Carolina family saving for college or thinking about it. Starting in 2006, most taxpayers who saved for college using North Carolina's 529-college savings plan can deduct the amount of their contributions from their taxable income.

For the 2006 tax-filing year, taxpayers filing individually can deduct contributions up to $750, and couples filing jointly can deduct contributions up to $1,500. This year, the 2007 deductible amount rises to $2,000 for individuals and $4,000 for couples filing jointly.

This tax cut makes North Carolina's National College Savings Program even better. North Carolina's 529-college savings plan has expanded from a single investment option in 1998 to a wide range of choices today. There are options to meet the needs of every kind of investor. Most recently, the National College Savings Program added several Vanguard index funds to its options.

This is how it works: With a modest initial deposit, participants in the savings plan select their own investment options, and they don't pay enrollment fees or sales charges.

North Carolina's 529-college savings plan has drawn praise for its strong performance, low fees, wide array of investment options, and direct availability. But the missing piece was a state tax deduction. With the deduction now in place, even more families should consider North Carolina's National College Savings Program as they prepare to meet college costs for a child, grandchild, other relative, friend, or even themselves.

According to The College Board and Standard & Poor's, the projected average cost of a newborn's four-year degree at a public college could total $151,425. Keep in mind that there are other financial tools available at the federal level to help with this cost. Such as the Hope Scholarship Credit and the Lifetime Learning Credit. Be sure to ask your financial or tax advisor about these credits and whether or not you qualify.

In my opinion, a 529-college savings plan is the best way to save for college. In addition to the new state tax deduction, the earnings grow tax-free, and your withdrawals are tax-free when used for qualified higher education expenses. Expenses aren't limited to tuition, either -- they include books, fees, supplies and equipment, and room and board.

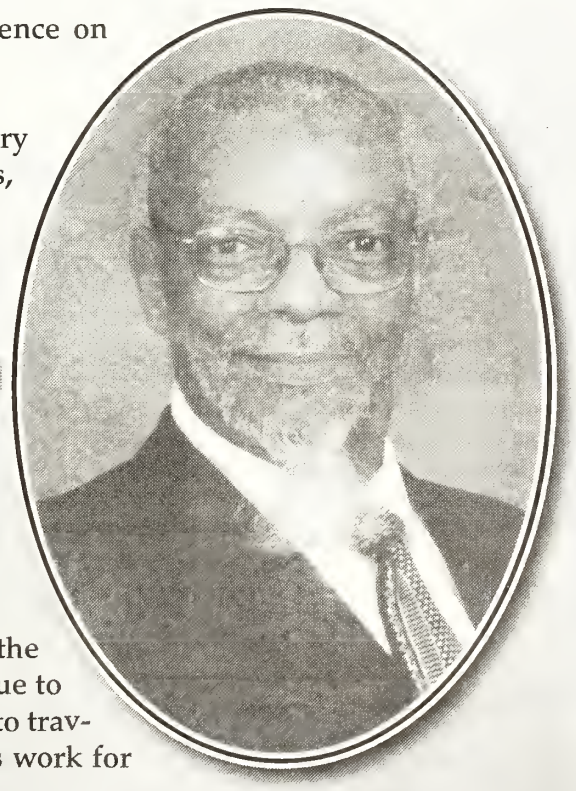
You can use the money you saved to pay for education expenses at public or private two-year or four-year colleges and universities inside North Carolina or out of state. If the beneficiary of the account gets a college scholarship or an appointment to a U.S. military academy, you can make withdrawals from the account up to the amount of the award. And if the named beneficiary doesn't need all the money in the account, you can name a new one.

Unlike traditional custodial accounts established under UTMA (uniformed transfer to minor's act), where the child takes control of the money at age 18 or 21 depending upon state law, the 529 account is designed to let the account owner stay in control, no matter what the beneficiary's age is. As owner, you make all the decisions related to the account, including selecting the investment options, making withdrawals, and naming or changing the beneficiary.

I encourage every North Carolina family concerned about saving for college to consider opening a 529 account. A great place to start is by calling the College Foundation of North Carolina at 800-600-3453, or by visiting them online at www.CFNC.org, where you'll find a wealth of information about planning, applying, and paying for college.

Dexter Perry serves as Senior Wealth Planner for The Providence Group of North Carolina located in Cary, NC. He can be reached at 919-858-7817 or by email at dperry@providencegroupnc.com with any questions or comments.

Homegoing Service for Deacon Johnnie Gladden



Mr. Johnnie Gladden, 81 of 5218 Dolphin Lane, Charlotte, died at his residence on Friday March 30, 2007.

Funeral Service was held Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at 1:00 PM at Second Calvary Baptist Church. Survivors: wife, Vera T. Gladden of Charlotte; daughters, Dorothy Putty of Baltimore, MD, Gwen Bugg (Moses) of Chicago, IL, and Vivian Gladden of Chicago, IL; son, Johnnie Gladden, Jr. of Chicago, IL; stepson, David Torrence (Mary) of Stone Mountain, GA; stepdaughter, Jean Douglas (Brian) of Lithonia, GA; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren.

John was extremely dedicated to the Laymen League of the Mecklenburg General Baptist Association (MGBA) where he served as President. While serving with the Laymen League, he was instrumental in starting the annual MGBA picnic and served on the Banquet Committee for nineteen (19) years as Chairman of the twelve(12) years.

From 2002 until 2006, John served as State President of the Laymen League of the General Baptist State Convention. During his tenure, he introduced the League to the Walter Cade Regional Workshops. Some of his responsibilities called him to travel to South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Alabama and wherever his work for laymen called him..

Wake Missionary Baptist Association

Annual Spring Institute

March 27-29, 2007

6:30 PM- 8:30 Pm (nightly)

Tuesday, March 27, 2007
Session One (6:45-7:30 PM)

• Gang Awareness-Te Church's Response
Presenter: Reverend Jamal Carr, Associate Minister, Oak City Baptist Church

Session One (7:30-8:15 PM)

• Domestic Violence-Presenter: Ms. Laura Hilton, Director if Community Education & Training
• Church & Clergy Tax Law-Presenter: Rev. James Peterkin, Pastor, Nehemiah Building Ministries
• Conducting A Church Audit-Presenter: Deacon Caviness, First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church



(L-R) Rev. Ronald E. Avery, Rev. Marvin Connelly, Jr. Moderator Daniel Sanders, Mrs. Portia H. Brandon, Rev. Nathaniel J. Wood, and Rev. Dr. William T. Newkirk

Wednesday, March 28, 2007
Session One (6:45-7:30 PM)

• Family Financial Wellness-Presenter: Sister Marilyn Pearson, VP Retirement, Merrill Lynch

Session One (7:30-8:15 PM)

• Crown Ministries-Presenter: Sister Rona Drummer
• Understanding Power Church Plus-Presenter Rev. Charles Brown, Pastor, Wesleyan First Church of Deliverance

THURSDAY MARCH 29, 2007
Session One (6:45-7:30 PM

• Church Music: Praise Not Performance; Gospel vs. Inspirational
Presenter: Rev. Nathaniel Wood,
Pastor, New Providence Baptist Church

Session Two (7:30-8:15 PM)

• Tithing or Tipping-Presenter: Portia Brandon, GBSC

Theme:

Rebuilding To Serve Our Present Age

Location:

St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church

Raleigh

Youth Teaching Topics
Tuesday, March 27, 2007
Session One:

• Gang Awareness: The Church's Response (6:45-7:30 PM)
Presenter: Minister Jamal Carr
NC Department of Juvenile Justice

Session Two:

• Drug Awareness: (7:30-8:15 PM) Presenter: Deputy Sheriff Michael McDuffie
Wake County Sheriff's Department

Wednesday, March 28, 2007
Session One:

• New WCPSS Graduation Guidelines: (6:45-8:15 PM)
Presenter: Sister Renita Jordan
Guidance Counselor, Holly Spring High School

Thursday, March 29, 2007

• Financial: (6:45-7:30-PM) NC Attorney General's Office
• Domestic Violence/Sexual Violence (7:30-8:15 PM) Interact

The History of
THE WAKE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Wake Baptist Association was organized with Rev. George W. Harris Moderator, G. W. Freeman,Clerk.

"The promotion of the Kingdom of Christ," putting it in terse language, was the object of the Wake Baptist Association.

This the Association endeavored to accomplish from year to year by donating to State Missions, ministerial education, Foreign Missions, and aiding the weaker churches within its bounds. This Association has contributed larger sums to young men preparing themselves for the ministry than any other similar organization in the State. It was in the Wake Association that the Oxford Orphan Asylum was conceived. A committee was appointed to meet with others in Henderson, and as a result of this conference the Grant Colored Orphan Asylum was established. The Association has since felt a peculiar responsibility toward the asylum, making annual contributions for its maintenance. The Association in 1908 had forty-three churches, forty-two ordained and twenty-seven licensed preachers; forty-three Sunday Schools, with six thousand one hundred and thirty members to the churches, and three thousand two hundred and twenty-six pupils in regular attendance in the Sunday Schools. Many of the churches of the Wake Association have B. Y. P. U. Societies. The Association loyally supports the Lott-Carey Convention and the Educational and Missionary Convention of North Carolina. ■

Rowan Baptist Association

Rowan One Day Session

Saturday, March 17, 2007

Union Baptist Church • Winston-Salem, NC

The History of THE ROWAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Rowan Baptist Association was organized in 1877 in a hospital at Salisbury, which was afterward purchased by the Baptists there and was organized as the Dixonville Baptist Church. Revs. Harry Cowan, Z. Horton and Cumbe Ellis were the ministers present in the organization. Rev. Harry Cowan was the first Moderator. There have presided over this body since: Revs. John Washington, Z. Horton, Gove Crowell, George Bowles, J. O. Crosby, P. S. Lewis, C. C. Somerville, C. L. Davis and G. W. Johnson.

There were three churches in the organization, and except the Dixonville, in the hospital as stated, the others worshiped under brush arbors. At the Association in Charlotte in 1908, there were sixty-five churches, with a membership of twelve thousand, and church edifices worth two hundred thousand dollars. Altogether the best edifices among the Baptists of North Carolina were to be found in the bounds of the Rowan Association. This was said as well of the leaders.

While there were many able preachers in other associations, there were more at that period in the Rowan than in any other. The school facilities were not equal by far; they had not the secondary schools as the others. At a time the Rowan Normal School was conducted by Dr. C. C. Somerville in Charlotte. While the Association made annual contributions to it, it was never adopted as the property of the Association.

When Dr. Somerville was called to Portsmouth the Salisbury people took the school there and conducted it, changing the name of it to the Piedmont Institute. The Association was liberal in its contributions to mission work and ministerial education.

It was from this Association the strongest support came to the General Baptist State Convention, especially in the early years of its history.



(L-R) Dr. J. C. Harris, Moderator C. L. Phelps, Dr. Sir Walter Mack, Jr., Brother George Byrd, and Brother Jimmy Diggs

PROGRAM

Call to Worship.....**Dr. W. O, McCullough**
Ministry Assistant, Union Baptist Church

Devotion

Welcome.....**Deacon Samuel Gray**
Chairman of Deacon Ministry, Union Baptist Church, Winston Salem, NC

Introduction of Speaker.....**Rev, Dr. C. L. Phelps**
Moderator, Rowan Baptist Association of North Carolina, Winston Salem, NC

Choir Selection.....**B.F. Daniels Mass Choir, Union Baptist Church**

Preaching.....**Rev. Dr. Sir Walter L. Mack, Jr.**
Pastor and Teacher of Union Baptist Church, Winston Salem, NC

Workshop Directives.....**Mr. Jimmy Diggs**
President, Rowan Congress of Christian Education

Pastors, Associate Ministers, and Deacon Relationship.....**Dr. J. C. Harris**
Church Membership.....**Mr. Skip McCall**
Youth Class for ages 13 thru 17.....**Ms. Katheryne Scott**
Youth Ministry(Youth Leaders and Youth Pastors).....**Ms. Kia Hood**
Children Ministry.....**Rev. Clara Goode**
Youth Teachers.....**Ms. Konnie Robinson**
Adult Teachers.....**Rev. James M. Lewis, Jr.**
Children Class for ages 6 thru 12.....**Ms. Barbara Cooke**
Superintendents Role and Christian Education.....**Mrs. Portia H. Brandon**

National Sunday for Repentance and Prayer on Iraq • July 1, 2007



Senior Minister and Mrs. Cureton L. Johnson, First Baptist Church, 302 Moore Street, Fayetteville, NC 28301

[Note: Pastors and churches may hold this service to seek forgiveness for our nation's sins in Iraq and to pray for peace. Select any date close to Independence Day and one suitable to your church calendar. For more Service materials and information: Call 910-483-6505, weekdays.]

Jeremiah Prays for Deliverance: "Where is the word of the Lord? Let it come now!"

–Jeremiah 17:15, NKJV

The Lord Responds to Jeremiah's Plea: "The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying: (2) 'Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words.' (3) Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something at the wheel. (4) And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make.

5) "Then the word of the Lord came to me saying: (6) 'O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?' Says to the Lord. 'Look, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel! (7) The instant I speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, (8) if that nation against whom I have spoken turns [repents] from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it.'" - Jeremiah 18:1-8, NKJV

These words from the Lord to Jeremiah the Old Testament prophet constitute an ancient parable revealing God's truth to us today (Jeremiah 18:1-11). Indeed, the parable of the potter and the clay prophesies far beyond the times of Jeremiah more than 2500 years ago. It speaks to America (the United States) now.

In the latter part of the 600s BC, God called upon Jeremiah to speak truth to power in Judah, the Southern kingdom of Israel. (The Northern tribes of Israel were overrun and conquered about a century earlier. God severely criticized Judah's behavior and spoke of impending punishment against the nation. God used Jeremiah to warn the king and public officials, the priests and the religious establishment, and the false prophets –who said what the people and king wanted to hear (4:9; 8:8-9). Jeremiah was not afraid to give unpopular criticism. He was labeled a betrayer of the nation, when in fact he was called by God to challenge Judah to repent and be saved from catastrophe. The people refused and years later fell into Babylonian captivity. Jeremiah suffered from the national disobedience (8:20-9:2) as did all citizens of Judah. How many Christians today hesitate to speak out against unwise national public policies for fear of being labeled unpatriotic?

America Must Repent

Many U.S. citizens have questioned this war from the beginning. Yet, we collectively suffer from our nation's sins and shame around the world. For this we all must repent! We must stand up like Jeremiah and let our voices of protest be heard more vigorously! Repentance means to turn. America must continue to turn from an ill-founded war and seek God's will (and direction) to end the conflict.

Jesus once said: "…unless you repent you will all likewise perish." Luke 13:3 NJKV

Sample Congregational Sentence Prayers for A Sunday of Repentance & Prayer on Iraq

#1 – Peace Activists: Lord, we collectively suffer from our nation's sins and share in America's shame around the world because of the war in Iraq. For this, we all must repent! Repentance means to turn, and America must continue from this war and rely on God to lead us to peace.

#2 – Women's Ministry: Lord, forgive the United States of America for rushing into the war in Iraq without compelling reasons and for the deception and untruths told by our national leaders. Please forgive us Lord for dishonoring Your holy name.

#3 – Girl and Boy Scouts: Lord, forgive us for the terrible death toll and suffering in Iraq. Forgive us for the deaths of thousands of children and tens of thousands of adults. Forgive us for the families torn apart and for parents, children and relatives who mourn. We sorrow for the girls and boys who may never know scouting or the joy of its fellowship.

#4 – Hospitality Team: Lord, forgive other nations for inciting and stirring up their citizens to war. Turn all nations from war and terror to faith and hope in God. Let hospitality reign in us!

#5 – Senior Citizens: Lord, forgive us for all the senior citizens who have suffered from this war. Help those who are in their 70s and 80s and 90s who need peace in their golden years, yet cannot find it. Bless the elderly who have had to flee their homes and others who are afraid to go outside and walk the streets or to go buy food. Bring Your peace to their lives.

#6 – Health Care Team: Lord, forgive our nation for being ill-prepared to heal and care for our injured and wounded. O, Lord, please bring physical and spiritual healing here at home and to the people of Iraq.

#7 – Loyal Workers or Pastor's Aid: Lord, forgive us for having taken so many men and women from their jobs to fight a war. Many were loyal to their jobs and families. Keep them safe and return them home to us. We pray especially for _____ (names) from our church who have been called up to serve in Iraq.

#8 – Sunday School: Lord, forgive us for the many scars our soldiers bear from fighting far from home; for the deeply painful memories of killings and lost friends. These things pound in many of their heads and hurt for years to come. Forgive us for the hardships to their families.

#9 – Evangelism Team: Lord, forgive us as human beings for lacking the faith to resolve problems without violence. Help us remember that you said: "Vengeance is Mine." Give us, Lord, the wisdom of Your Spirit in times of trouble.

#10 – Trustees: Lord, we pray that you forgive us for the millions of dollars of property and infrastructure damage in Iraq. We lost the Twin Towers; Iraq has lost cities. Help us to be better stewards and trustees of our world's resources and treasures.

#11- Music Ministry: Lord, forgive us for the poverty, ethnic, racial and religious issues that often lie behind wars. Help all people learn to "beat swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks." Please, Lord, return the joy of singing and music to the people of Iraq our soldiers' homes.

#12- Laymen: Lord, forgive our world for spending more than $1 trillion on defense in 2006. Military spending cost $173 per person in the world today, a surge in spending if 25% over the past five years. Please help nations resolve the estimated 34 armed conflicts in the world today, costing more than 1,000 deaths.

#13- Associate Ministers: Lord, forgive our nation for waiting so long to urge that our troops come home. Forgive us for so slowly demanding that Congress-Republicans, Democrats and Independents-stop the slaughter in Iraq.

#14- Floral Group: O, Lord, let the beauty of your world return to bloom in the cities and upon the landscapes of Iraq. Let flowers bloom and gardens flourish and crops grow. Let city markets return to normal and the fruit of Your Spirit bless the land. Please Lord, let flowers adorn houses and not caskets.

#15- Missionaries: Lord, forgive us for spending nearly half a trillion dollars on the Iraq war. This money robs poor, hungry, weak and needy people of vital resources in America and around the world. We pray for poor people, widowers and orphans who cry out for help.

#16- Youth Ministry: Lord, children around the world die because they don't have medicines for curable health problems. Children and parents are dying as refugees fleeing war-torn countries. People are hungry and hopeless. Lord, please guide our national leaders in Congress not to cut funds for world child survival accounts, to development assistance worldwide, to global disaster relief and famine aid, and for refugee assistance.

#17- Prayer Team: Lord, forgive the church in America for being too silent in the face of our nation's ill-founded aggression in Iraq. Forgive U.S. faith communities who have helped to prosecute the war by the curse of silence.

#18- Outreach and Care Team: Now, Lord, remold and remake or nation into a new vessel that please You. Regenerate, cleanse and purify our hearts and minds to treat our global neighbors with truth, fairness, justice and respect. In-as-much as we do it to the least of these our brothers and sisters, we do it also unto You.

#19- Deaconesses: Lord, place your hands upon the soul of the United States of America. You are Sovereign! Have mercy upon us! By Your hands help us make better decisions in domestic and international affairs. Give us hope, O, Lord, for our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness!

#20 – Ministers Spouses: Have Your own way, Lord, have Your own way – You are the Potter, we are the clay Mold us and make us, after Your will – While we are waiting, yielded and still

21 – Pastor: In the words of St. Francis of Assisi, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace…. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.." Lord, we pray for peace in Your Holy Name.

#22 – Deacons: Lord, we recall the words of the Apostle Paul: "For godly grief produces repentance that leads to salvation..." (2 Corinthians 2:10) In repenting, let us continually offer up prayers to Almighty God until this war has ended. Let us ask God to shape our national "will" in His image and to shape us in His character of love and mercy. And thank You, dear Lord, for being so kind to us despite our mistakes.

ALL: [We] "refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of….war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality…" [We] "believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word."

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ■

A Church Overcoming Evil With Good - *Romans 12:21*

Michael R. Smith, Sr.
Chairman, Anti-Crime & Incarceration Ministry

A sterling example of a Church overcoming evil with good is the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church of Charlotte, N.C. where Dr. Clifford Jones is the Senior Pastor. Friendship Baptist Church is reaching out to children who have an incarcerated parent. The ways in which this ministry has reached out is by providing Christmas gifts, taking kids on camping experiences, establishing mentoring relationships, and sharing the love and gospel of Jesus Christ. Friendship Baptist Church has been reaching out to the children of the incarcerated for over twelve years. This ministry is presently led by Deborah McLendon and supported by many volunteers from the church who provide support in many areas. This ministry is called Angel Tree and was first started by a women named Mary K. Beard (a former inmate) who returned to society and was working with Prison Fellowship Ministries. Prison Fellowship adopted the Angel Tree ministry and it has now become one of the major ministries to the children of inmates in the world. Prison Fellowship Ministries was started by Charles Colson (former inmate) who served in the White House with President Richard Nixon. The Angel Tree ministry began as an effort to provide gifts on behalf of the incarcerated parent at Christmas, but has now expanded to a year round ministry that includes camping and mentoring through out the year. Statistics reveal that the children of inmates a more likely to follow their parents into a life a crime. It is through this effort by Friendship Baptist Church that makes the word "missionary" a reality in this congregation. Friendship church is overcoming evil with good in the lives of these kids and preventing the spread of crime.



Michael R. **Smith**

Angel Tree Coordinator Deborah McLendon shared how this ministry is supported by over 30 church volunteers. Over the past 5 years, Friendship has served more than 5000 children through their Angel Tree ministry. Just last year, their efforts were recognized by Prison Fellowship Ministries as a leading Angel Tree church in the state of North Carolina. One special aspect of the Angel Tree ministry at Friendship is the Christmas Worship Service where the children of inmates come to the church and are able to have fellowship, love, a wonderful meal, and receive their gifts on behalf of their incarcerated parent. Sister McLendon shared how this special service is now highly anticipated every year and has been instrumental in the children hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Join me in praising God for the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church for their tenured efforts in reaching out to the children of inmates. This preventive ministry has led to many children not resorting to crime, but choosing to live for Christ who they have come to know through a Church that is overcoming evil with good. If you are interested in getting involved with Angel Tree contact me at the information provided below. Praise the Lord!

The GBSC Anti-Crime & Incarceration Ministry needs our churches to get involved now!

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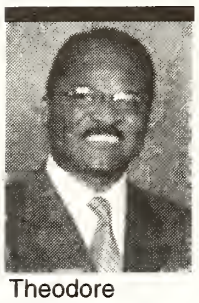
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News from the NC State Laymen's Auxiliary

Theodore David, President
NC State Laymen's Auxiliary

On Friday, March 30, 2007 Our Past Laymen's President, Deacon John Gladden, went on to be with the Lord. He faithfully served the NC State Laymen, as well as many other local, association, and state auxiliaries and committees within the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Years ago, In recognition of Deacon Gladden's faithful service to the NC State Laymen's League, he was inducted into the NC State Laymen's Hall of Fame. He was also recognized years ago as the NC State Layman of the Year.



Theodore **David**

Let us also be faithful and diligent in our Christian walk and talk.

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 Cor: 5:1

It has been almost one year since the current NC State Laymen's Auxiliary's new Leadership Team was elected and took the oath of commitment. Our goal has been, and is, to move the Auxiliary forward with the help of God and his people. The Auxiliary continues to enjoy the support of many Laymen from various churches and associations. We plan to build upon that foundation which was laid more than two thousand years ago by Jesus Christ.

We Laymen have been greatly encouraged and are very appreciative. We are especially encouraged by those Pastors, Moderators, and Laymen whose churches have invited, encouraged, fellowshipped, and forged partnerships with the NC State Laymen. They are to be commended for showing a level of hospitality that can only be exemplified by true Christianity and a social consciousness and interest in the plight of black men and boys. Congratulations to many churches and associations who have started, or maybe in the process of starting Laymen's League Auxiliaries throughout the NC State. We invite you to our State Laymen's Meetings.

As we continue to grow and become more effective witnesses, let's remain faithful to our commitment to seek, reach, teach, and show Godly love towards God's people. Making a special effort to reach out to those men and boys who are so easily influenced and lost to drugs, sex, crime., gangs and violence, homosexual lifestyles, etc. While we, as Christians, are watching and trying to help them, let's not forget that those we're trying to reach and teach are also watching and observing us and how we live.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Heb. 12:1

To those churches and associations who have already submitted their $400 annual Laymen's assessment, we say thanks. To those who have not already done so, we encourage you to either mail your assessment to Baptist Headquarters or bring it to the next NC State Laymen's Meeting. May God's bountiful blessings be upon you. ■

Political Action Committee

A couple of months ago, we celebrated Black History Month, a month of great historical significance to us as American especially African Americans. As we continue to trace our heritage and contemplate our future. We are ever mindful of God's goodness and mercy in our lives. Psalm 90:1. Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

Civic engagement is one of the keys that open doors to opportunities leading to a better quality of life. Therefore, we must become more engaged in this process. We simply cannot leave our fate in the hands of others. We must be willing to chart our own course until we arrive at our intended destination. The destination we seek is a place in our society where we are fully engaged at every level of decision-making affecting our lives.

There are as many reasons as there are ways to be engaged in the civic affairs affecting our everyday lives. Civic engagement is important to our spiritual, mental physical, emotional and financial well being. At a minimum, we all need to registered to vote (value your vote) and we need to vote in every election (vote your values)---from school Board elections o Presidential elections. Beyond voting, we need o know who represents us at every level f government. (School board, town or city council, mayor, county commissioner, state representative, state senator, Governor, U.S. Representative, U.S. Senator, President, and there are many others. You may call your local board of Elections and they can tell you who represents you in all of the categories above.

Communicate with your elected representatives when there is an issue that concerns you or when you simply have an interest in an issue. Many times, you representatives appreciate hearing from you and hearing how you feel about a particular issue. Your opinion does matter! This allows you to be engaged in the process.

Attend scheduled meetings of your elected boards or simply visit your elected officials so that you can be proactive instead of reactive. Many times when we hear about an issue that is important t us, it is too late to do anything about it because the issue has advanced beyond the stage where our input can have the value we desire…

Become involved in organizations that work a difference in public policy such as the Chamber of Commerce, League f Women Voters, NAACP and other local citizens groups. Look for the group that best represent and advocates your interests. In doing so, you are more likely to remain engaged in the process of working to make a difference.

Contribute time and/or money to the campaign(s) of those you believe in and best represent your interests…

Deciding to run for office. If you believe those you have elected are not representing you well, you may decide to run to give your community r advocacy group better representation.

There are many issues with which we need to be concerned: access to quality and affordable health care, a sound basic education, the opportunity to earn a livable wage, safety in our neighborhoods, affordable and quality childcare, decent and affordable housing, reform of our criminal justice systems: to names a few. You can help your elected officials have a stronger voice through civic engagement. Remember, we will nit have equal opportunity in our society until the dignity of every human being is recognized by all. Ecclesiastes 34:12-13… *I know that there is nothing better for men than t be happy and do good while they live. That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil---this is the gift of God.*

Reverend Garland Pierce and I (Linda Colman) look forward to communicating with you to expand civic engagement in our communities throughout North Carolina. If you have ideas you would like to share with us, please contact us. ■



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It was my good fortune on March 16th to visit the Northampton County Association in session at Rich Square. The Moderator, Rev. Robert Sessoms, and his assistant, Rev. Tony flood, delivered messages of hope focused on the need to enable parents to nurture and raise children able to carry on the traditions of faith, decency and service essential to safe caring and supportive neighborhoods. These clergy persons practice what they preach by sponsoring maternal and child health advocacy and encouraging fatherhood role and responsibility to men who need help in their understandings and action toward their children and the mothers of their children. Mrs. Larree Cherry is coordinator of the Healthy Beginnings Program in Northampton County.

The health and welfare of the African American community is compromised because of the failure of many men to strive. The North Carolina Man Power Development Commission predicts that by 2020 forty percent of African American men will not complete high school and of that number thirty percent will go to prison. The consequences are known to result in even fewer marriages as women resist marriage to men unable to help their situations. Behaviors and values acquired in prison are carried into our neighborhoods. This includes redefinition of sexual norms and acceleration of the spread of HIV/AIDS into the female population. Many boys adopt prison dress and prison values.

Failure in School has too often proven the first step toward prison. African American youth especially boys are 4 to 5 times more likely to be expelled for misconduct than white boys. Youth who are expelled fall further behind and drop out to the streets. The streets provide the stepping stone to first detention.

It is worth noting that America has the highest percentage of its citizens in jail than any other modern democratic society. We elect people to public office based on their promise to reduce crime. African American people are about 12% of the total population but make up over 50% of those in jail. Half of those executed are African American.

Many forces contribute to the problem.

1) Historical racism has contributed to the selection of African American men as victims. We are more likely to be stopped, more likely to be found guilty, and more likely to go to jail than white men under similar circumstances.

2) Economic decline in heavy industry during the 1960's and 1970's disproportionately displaced African American men from good paying jobs.

3) Industrialization of farms led to massive dislocation of African American families engaged in family farming.

4) Very large numbers of those jailed are not a threat to public safety. They become tangled in a web of fear and judicial injustice well suited to the production of failed manhood. All to the detriment of African American communities. ■

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NC Council of Churches

Smoke-Free Sabbath

Memorial Day Sunday, May 27, 2007

George Reed
Executive Director

As you probably know, an increasing weight of evidence, including now the strong statement of the current Surgeon General, points to the health consequences of secondhand smoke (the smoke we nonsmokers inhale because someone else around us has chosen to smoke). That evidence now includes the fact that as little as thirty minutes of exposure can trigger a heart attack in someone with heart disease or risk factors for heart disease.



In 2005, the Executive Board of the NC Council of Churches adopted the attached statement on Health and Secondhand Smoke.

Now we are encouraging congregations across the state to take part in Smoke-Free Sabbath, which is being promoted by the NC Alliance for Health, using materials adapted from the General Baptist State Convention (a member of the NC Council of Churches). The suggested date is Memorial Day Sunday, May 27, because this ties in with a wider effort regarding the health risks of tobacco use. But if that date doesn't work on your church calendar, I encourage you to find another date that would work. The important thing is for congregations across the state to help raise awareness of the health risks from secondhand smoke and to take steps to eliminate those risks.

Excellent resources for Smoke-Free Sabbath are available at www.ncallianceforhealth.org. (Look for "Smoke Free Sabbath Weekend" about halfway down the right-hand side of the homepage.) And be sure to sign up if your congregation is participating. ■

2007 Statewide Evangelism Conference



Dr. Haywood T. **Gray**
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

April 24—26, 2007

St. Matthew Baptist Church
5410 Louisburg Road—Raleigh, North Carolina
Church Phone: (919) 872-7647
Rev. Ronald Avery, Host Pastor

Conference Preacher:

DR. JERRY M. SANDERS
Pastor, Fountain Baptist Church of Summit, New Jersey
Former President, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missions Convention

Conference Workshops:

"GRASSROOTS EVANGELISM"
"MISSION AND OUTREACH TO THE HOMELESS"
Melvin Wilkins, New World Cappadocia Outreach, Winston-Salem

"THE ROLE OF CHRISTAN EDUCATION IN EVANGELISM"
Claude Forehand, Buncombe Baptist Church, Lexington

"PRISON EVANGELISM"
Reggie and Gina Long, Potter's House Ministries, Salisbury

"POST-PRISON MINISTRY"
Melvin Solomon, GBSC Anti-Crime & Incarceration Ministry

Conference Schedule:

The Conference will be held for three days: Tuesday through Thursday, April 24-26. The morning session will feature classes, with the afternoons free for reflection, fellowship and enjoying the city. Each evening will feature a lecture and worship service featuring the Conference Preacher. Highlights are noted as follows:

Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	Registration
	10:00 a.m.	Opening.
	10:45 a.m.	Class 1
	6:00 p.m.	Practicum
	7:15 p.m.	Worship
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	Registration
	8:45 a.m.	Opening
	9:15 a.m.	Class
	11:00 a.m.	Rescue Mission
	7:15 p.m.	Worship
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	Registration
	8:45 a.m.	Opening
	9:15 a.m.	Class
	6:00 p.m.	Practicum
	7:15 p.m.	Worship

Registration:

Registration for the Conference for Churches and Associations is $250.00. Each Church or Association paying the $250.00 fee are entitled to send up to four (4) persons to the Conference. Individual registration is $15.00 per person.

Hotel and Lodging:

Comfort Suites Hotel has been selected as the hotel for the 2007 Evangelism Conference. This all-suite hotel is beautifully decorated and equipped with refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, hairdryer, iron/ironing board, executive desk with swivel chair and high-speed Internet access in each two room suite. The hotel also features a Fitness Center and Business Center. And of course, we offer a complimentary Deluxe Continental Breakfast that includes fresh made waffles and broad variety of pastries, fresh fruits and juices. A special rate of $85.00 has been secured for the Conference. Please mention "General Baptist State Convention" when making your reservation.

Comfort Suites of Raleigh
4400 Capital Boulevard
Raleigh, NC 27604
(919) 876-2211
Website:
www.comfortsuitesofraleigh.com/

Directions:

Persons desiring directions to the Host Church or to the Conference Hotel may consult an online directions service such as www.mapquest.com or www.maps.yahoo.com.

General directions are as follows. The following directions may use the new 540 Bypass which are not shown on mapquest.com or yahoo.com.

To St. Matthew Baptist Church

From Durham (and points West and North):

- Take I-40 East to I-540 East toward Raleigh
- Travel I-540 East to Louisburg exit
- Turn right onto Louisburg Road
- Travel 2 miles to Church on left

From Sanford (and points South):

- Take US 1 North to 401 North (Wake Forest/Louisburg exit) toward Raleigh
- Follow exit for Capital Boulevard (North) to Louisburg Road (Capital will split; bear right)
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From Greenville (and points East):

- Take US-264 West to US 64 West toward Raleigh
- Travel US 64 West to I-540 West exit (RDU Airport/Durham)
- Travel I-540 West to Louisburg exit
- Turn left onto Louisburg Road
- Travel 2 miles to Church on left

From Fayetteville (and points East and South):

- Take I-95 N to I-40 West toward Raleigh
- Travel I-40 West to I-440 East
- Travel I-440 East to Capital Boulevard (401 North) exit
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- Take US 70 West to I-40 West toward Raleigh
- Travel I-40 to I-440 East
- Travel I-440 East to Capital Boulevard (401 North) exit
- Follow Capital Boulevard (North) to Louisburg Road (Capital will split; bear right)
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For additional travel information, contact the Church at
(919) 872-7647

General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

Conference Registration

Registration for the 2007 Statewide Evangelism Conference has been set at $250.00 for churches and associations. For each Church or Association paying $250.00, it will be entitled to send up to four (4) persons to the Conference.

Registration for individuals (beyond the four per Church or Association) or who are not a part of a Church or Association group, is $15.00 per person.

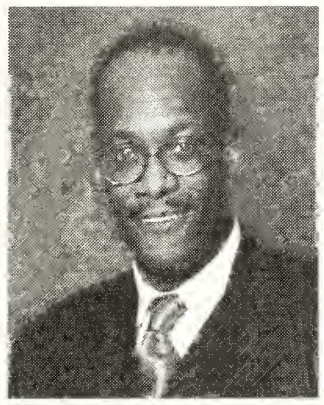
Sanders Selected As Evangelism Conference Preacher

Rev. Jerry Michael Sanders is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina. At present he is Pastor of Fountain Baptist Church in Summit, New Jersey. He has held this position since December of 1983. Prior to this, Rev. Sanders served as Pastor of the Mt. Nebo Baptist Church in Lake Lure, North Carolina.

Rev. Sanders is a graduate of Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina, where he received the Bachelor of Arts Degree. He received the Master of Divinity Degree from Duke University School of Divinity in Durham, North Carolina. In May of 1997, Reverend Sanders was awarded The Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity from Benedict College during the 127th Baccalaureate Commencement Convocation and in 2005 was awarded The Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters from Florida Memorial University during the Spring Baccalaureate Commencement.

Sanders is a Life Member of the NAACP and a Life Member of Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity. He is also a member of American Baptist Churches, the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., and the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention.

Sanders has led Fountain to be a strong supporter of mission. $400,000.00 has been given to the United Negro College Fund. In 1992, Fountain gave a grant of $30,000.00 to aid churches in Haiti. Fountain has pledged $1,000,000.00 to Gulf Coast relief.



Dr. Jerry M. Sanders to headline Evangelism Conference as Conference Preacher.

Worship Planned as Highlight of the Conference

The nightly worship service of the Conference is planned to be a meaningful component of the Conference. In addition to the excellent Conference preacher, special music has been coordinated to include the St. Matthew Baptist Church Choir, the Mount Peace Baptist Church Praise Team and Mass Choir, the First Baptist Church (Clayton) Praise Team and Choir and the Wake Baptist Association Mass Choir.

The daily morning devotional will feature a devotional message. Rev. Lamont J. Johnson and Pastor Darryl Napper are scheduled to deliver morning devotional messages.

Pastors from Johnston District and Wake Baptist Association have agreed to take part in other aspects of the worship events throughout the Conference including leading prayers, offering Scriptures, and leading worship.



Evangelism Chair Dr. Robert E. L. McGowens (Pastor of Greater Galilee, Charlotte)

Evening worship will begin at 7:30 p.m. each night, Tuesday through Thursday.

Raleigh's St. Matthew Baptist Church To Host

Pastor Ronald Avery and Saint Matthew Baptist Church will host the 2007 Statewide Evangelism Conference. The Church (located at 5410 Louisburg Road in Raleigh) is a modern and welcoming facility adequate to host every aspect of the Conference.

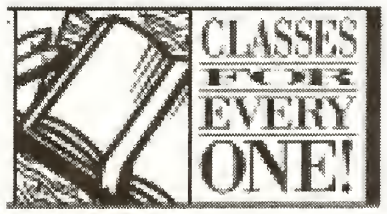
Pastor Avery and the members of Saint Matthew have worked tirelessly in preparing for this year's Conference. The main events and worship will be held in the main sanctuary with vendors in the Fellowship Hall.

The Church is conveniently located in North Raleigh on Louisburg Road. It is less than two miles from the Conference hotel and convenient to restaurants, shopping, and the major Interstate highways.



Pastor Ronald Avery

Conference To Focus on Training for Evangelism



The focus of this year's Conference is to provide skills and tools to help the local Church build an effective evangelism ministry. An impressive array of presenters have been engaged to provide the training for attendees.

Pastor Melvin "Rip" Wilkins has led an effective outreach/street ministry in Winston-Salem for a number of years through his New World Cappadocia Outreach. He will lecture on "Grassroots Evangelism," "Mission and Outreach to the Homeless," and lead an Evangelism Practicum.

The Reverend Claude E. Forehand, Pastor of Buncombe Baptist Church in Lexington, will lecture on "The Role of Christian Education in Evangelism."

Understanding that evangelism and outreach to persons who are (or have been) incarcerated is a focus of many Baptist Churches, the Conference will devote two sessions to this topic. Pastors Reggie and Gina Long (of Potters House Ministry in Salisbury) will lead a session on "Prison Ministry." Reverend Melvin Solomon (a North Carolina prison chaplain and Vice Chairman of the GBSC Anti-Crime and Incarceration Ministry) will lecture on "Post-Prison Ministry."

Attendees will be afforded an opportunity to integrate the lessons learned during the Conference. A visit to the Raleigh Rescue Mission is planned during the Conference to afford an opportunity to minister, witness and evangelize to persons at the Mission.

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- Must submit to background investigation.
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Send resumes and inquires to:
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New Ahoskie Baptist Church is currently accepting applications for the position of Pastor.
New Ahoskie Baptist Church is a member of the West Roanoke Baptist Association.

The qualifications for a pastor adopted by the Committee are:

a) A person who is led by the Spirit of God in all matters and performs pastoral duties according to the scriptures and the needs of the church.
b) A person who is ordained and licensed with strong knowledge of the Missionary Baptist doctrines, policies and practices.
c) A person who is able to conduct worship services on a full time basis.
d) A person who has acquired a Seminary degree from an accredited school or equivalent education preferred.
e) A person who has the ability to teach God's word and carry out administrative, leadership and counseling duties.
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A person who is a good role model of moral and ethical conduct,
j) A person who supports church functions including teaching and attending
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k) A person who has a vision for the spiritual, intellectual and financial
growth of the church.

Along with a resume, a potential candidate must provide:
a) Two professional references including name, address and telephone number of the referents.
b) Name, address, and telephone number of previous or current church affiliation, including the pastor's name, if applicable.
c) Proof of religious credentials (license/ordination).
d) Proof of degree for confirmation or transcript of completed courses if degree has not been conferred.
e) A mission statement for the church.

This list is not inclusive, but serves as a snapshot of what is expected of a pastor as New Ahoskie Baptist Church continues as a church that will serve all of God's children.

If you feel God is leading you to this call, please submit a resume' and supporting documentation to:

Deacon Charles McCullough, Chairman
Pastor Search Committee
New Ahoskie Baptist Church
PO Box 371
Ahoskie, NC 27910

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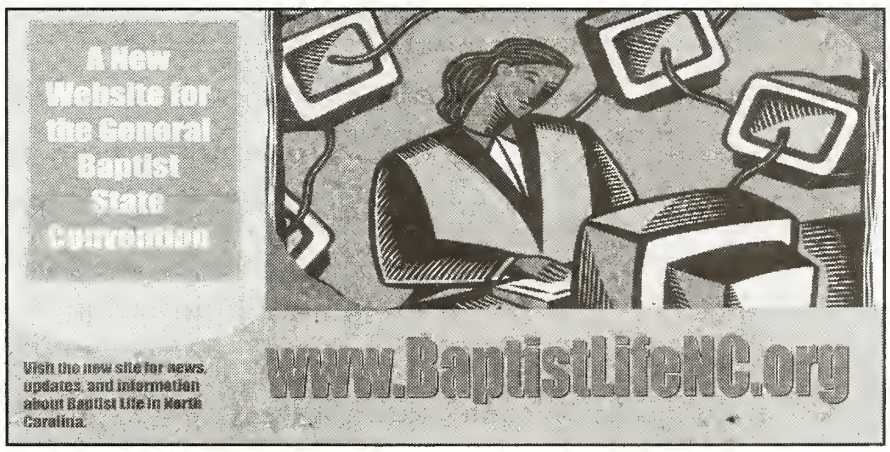
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PASTOR VACANCY

- Possess good moral and ethical conduct, demonstrated in 1 Timothy 3:1-8.
- A minimum of five (5) year of experience as pastor, abilities in counseling and supervising all works of the church.
- Live in close proximity of the church(preferred).
- Knowledge of the Missionary Baptist Church doctrine, policies, practices, and willing to abide by them.
- Work with all ages groups, special emphasis on youth.
- Skills for planning and implementing a vision for the church. • Community oriented.
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"To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced...through Education, Missions and Fellowship," Matthew 28:19-20

By Reverend Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr.
President GBSC

Last month the Mid-Year session convened in Shelby, North Carolina with the Ebenezer Association and Ellis Chapel Church. We are indebted to pastor Ray Lockhart of the Ellis Chapel Church and moderator William Thompson, along with their fine people, for the warm hospitality and welcoming spirit afforded us during our visit.



Rev. Dr. Gregory K. **Moss, Sr.**

In an attempt to bring about "fresh water", a few changes were made to the session. I believe one of the most precious gifts God has given to humankind is our time. Therefore, the decision was made to change the session from three days to two days. The session opened on Tuesday afternoon and adjourned early Wednesday afternoon. Each session began on time and every attempt was made to end on time. We intend to respect your time.

Our program was second to none! We were blessed with tremendous, prepared presenters and participants. Special thanks to Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, Reverend Sheldon Daniels, Dr. Casey Kimbrough, Dr. Lafayette Maxwell, Dr. Peter Wherry, Reverend D. K. Ferguson, Reverend Wesley McLaughlin, Reverend Charles Webber, Reverend Ryan McCain, Dr. Thomas Walker, Dr. Valencia Covington and William Cheek for pouring into our spirits. The information was enlightening, relative and inspirational.

I want to share with our beloved General Baptist Family a matter of immense importance that is crucial to the mission and ministry of our convention. Through the years, the convention survived many challenges and spoke to the ills and issues of its time. As we transition to another era in our storied faith journey, we too are charged to meet new challenges. One such challenge is to understand and address our contributions to State Missions and, in particular, our operations. The other is to enhance confidence in our ability to do ministry and be accountable.

Traveling the state and interacting with pastors, leaders and disciples of the churches has shown that there needs to be clarity about State Missions. State Missions dollars sent to the Parent Body fund the programs of the convention and our auxiliaries (excluding the Woman's Convention), banquets, convention sessions and any other special programs. State Missions also fund the operations of the convention, i.e - …administration (supplies, equipment, insurance, mailings, telephone), personnel, building and maintenance. Approximately 16% of our churches support the convention and it's objectives through the unified program. The other 84% send designated monies to both State Missions and objectives.

In the realm of accountability, since 2005 objectives have received almost 1 million dollars of support through the convention. Contributions to objectives are sent at the end of the month-ON A TIMELY BASIS. You can rest assured the monies you send are being distributed according to your wishes. However, because many of our churches give inconsistently (or not at all to State Missions), we constantly face shortfalls during the year. During the Mid-Year session, EST Haywood Gray shared a revealing analogy. When asked how the convention was doing financially, Dr. Gray replied, "We have patched the holes in our ship. We are not sinking, but we are not moving forward". In other words, if we are to move our convention to realize enhanced education, ministry and missions, we must provide fuel for the ship's motor.

It is not a difficult task to achieve and I offer a strategy to address the same. EST Gray unveiled a beautiful and simplistic option called "The 750 Plan". The 750 Plan consists of 750 churches giving a minimum of $1,300.00 per year or approximately $108.00 per month designated for State Missions (or operations). This plan is doable, fair and reasonable for most of our member churches. These gifts given on a consistent (monthly) basis will allow the headquarters to focus on the implementation of the convention's ministries and missions; and to move along side its associations and member churches with the support they need to be faithful to their calling. The key is being consistent and intentional in giving to our operations (State Missions). Of course, to whom much is given, much is required. Those who can afford more, do more. God knows your heart.

I am asking all General Board/Executive Committee members and convention leaders to take seriously our plight and join me in addressing the operations challenge. I believe one cannot lead effectively from the rear. This administration (president, vice-presidents and officers) intend to lead by example. In the coming weeks we, along with other leaders and volunteers, are preparing to take this conversation on the road. We will visit local pastors and leaders, building relationships, addressing needs and presenting The 750 Plan.

Along the same lines, it is wisdom to encourage and deepen our relationships with our corporate partners, i.e - …North Carolina Mutual, Providence Group, Mechanics and Farmers and MMMB. Building mutual relationships that are advantageous to our convention is a priority and will prove valuable to our ministry and mission.

Our convention is abundantly blessed

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National Congress Oratorical Commission

St Louis, Missouri
June 20, 2007 ▪ 1:00 pm ▪



Each year during the National Baptist Congress Annual Session in June, a contest for high school seniors is held. The national contestants are derived from state and regional competition. 1st place award $5000.00, 2nd award $1000.00 and 3rd place award $700.00. Miss Veronica Ann Watson is the top contestant from the General Baptist State Convention, she has been asked to appear at the National Congress as finalists.

GBSC Laymen League

Laymen's League Study Commission

▪ June 9, 2007
Mt. Zion Baptist Church
47 Eagle Street ~ Asheville, NC

Laymen's League Men & Boys Retreat

July 20-21, 2007▪
J. J. Johnson Baptist
Assembly ~ Laurel Hill, NC



Annual Central Children's Home Celebration

▪ June 16, 2007
Central Children's Home
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Congress of Christian Education Oratorical Contest



▪ June 25-27, 2007
Winston Salem State Univ
Winston-Salem, NC

WBH & FMC Annual Session

July 22-26, 2007▪
M. C. Benton Convention Center
301 W. 5th Street ~ Winston-Salem, NC

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Dr. Haywood T. Gray
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

What Is State Missions Anyway?

Excellent question! Think of State Missions as the gas that runs the car. Without gasoline (and without State Missions), the car won't run (and the Convention cannot operate). Our State Missions expenses fall into two categories: OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING.



Dr. Haywood T. **Gray**
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

OPERATIONS include:

Parent Body and Auxiliary Officers Honoraria and Expenses, Staff Salaries and Benefit, Attorneys, Accountants and Consultants Fees, Computer Maintenance, Office Supplies, Office Machines, Postage and Shipping, Property, Workers Comp, and General Liability Insurance, Printing of books, brochures, newspaper, announcements, programs, and flyers; Expenses to operate the Baptist Headquarters including gas, water, electricity, telephones, janitorial, trash disposal, security, and upkeep; Expenses to operate the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill including gas, electricity, telephones, custodial services, lawn upkeep and grass cutting, heating & air conditioning maintenance, plumbing, upkeep of swimming pool, and certified pool operators and life guards. Expenses for each Session of the Parent Body and Auxiliaries which includes: Rental of facilities like convention centers, printing of materials for Sessions, preparation of registration kits and badges, staff travel to make arrangement for host pastors and host Churches, lodging for staff and special guests. Banquet costs including food, rental of space, service fees, mailings, publicity and advertising, awards and plaques.

ALMOST $700,000.00 IS NEEDED FOR OPERATIONS EACH YEAR. ALMOST $160,000.00 IS NEEDED FOR PROGRAMMING EACH YEAR. ■

SCHEDULE OF FUNDS SENT TO OBJECTIVES
January 2005 - April 2007

GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.
603 South Wilmington Street - Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-2338

Funds Sent to Objectives - 2005

	OBJECTIVE	JAN 05	FEB 05	MAR 05	APR 05	MAY 05	JUN 05	JUL 05	AUG 05	SEP 05	OCT 05	NOV 05	DEC 05	YR 2005 TOTAL
1	Shaw University	10,712.73	9,353.48	6,788.78	6,192.87	10,503.21	12,704.55	56,446.47	24,601.50	5,545.53	6,367.59	16,743.56	27,771.18	193,731.47
2	Shaw University Divinity School	4,970.57	5,947.54	3226.72	2,394.65	4,818.19	6,452.55	3,672.69	5,729.60	2,678.50	4,404.53	5,301.14	3,656.85	53,253.33
3	Central Children's Home	3,844.40	5,366.52	3,426.33	3,854.12	5,369.53	6,255.54	3,801.73	5,436.17	1,918.25	8,394.39	3,922.40	3,425.48	55,014.86
4	Lott Carey Foreign Missions	16,532.15	15,530.48	22,653.24	6,480.55	10,611.69	13,329.35	5,857.99	10,272.67	12,965.15	5,922.07	8,646.71	25,792.82	154,594.67
5	TOTAL AMOUNT SENT	36,059.85	36,198.02	36,095.07	18,922.19	31,302.42	38,741.99	69,778.88	46,039.94	23,107.43	25,088.58	34,613.83	60,646.13	456,594.33

Funds Sent to Objectives - 2006

	OBJECTIVE	JAN 06	FEB 06	MAR 06	APR 06	MAY 06	JUN 06	JUL 06	AUG 06	SEP 06	OCT 06	NOV 06	DEC 06	YR2006 TOTAL
6	Shaw University	36,534.85	8,412.47	7,754.73	6,512.45	60,419.76	9,431.59	6,784.92	16,828.04	4,779.35	16,890.71	10,327.50	3,824.50	182,390.86
7	Shaw University Divinity School	16,616.03	4,355.18	2,754.41	2,696.81	4,922.21	4,750.48	2,468.46	8,662.77	2,651.44	3,697.37	5,826.37	5,996.04	65,397.57
8	Central Children's Home	4,359.96	2,312.00	13,942.72	2,336.77	7,795.78	6,360.98	3,905.70	13,571.81	1,707.98	2,743.15	4,844.76	4,083.36	67,964.97
9	Lott Carey Foreign Missions	27,418.57	11,273.52	6,934.30	4,858.53	10,361.93	6,352.52	16,671.42	10,731.57	6,077.23	5,535.10	7,621.59	5,782.86	119,619.17
10	TOTAL AMOUNT SENT	84,929.41	26,353.17	31,386.16	18,404.56	83,499.68	26,895.56	29,830.50	49,794.19	15,216.00	22,866.33	28,620.22	19,486.79	435,282.57

Funds Sent to Objectives - 2007

	OBJECTIVE	JAN 07	FEB 07	MAR 07	APR 07	MAY 07	JUN 07	JUL 07	AUG 07	SEP 07	OCT 07	NOV 07	DEC 07	YR 2007 TOTAL
11	Shaw University	14,979.77	8,209.15	7,971.54	9,440.38									40,560.76
12	Shaw University Divinity School	5,105.45	3,268.35	4776.93	3,354.11									16,504.84
13	Central Children's Home	4,512.39	2,352.15	5,366.83	3,129.30									15,360.66
14	Lott Carey Foreign Missions	6,494.13	6,299.40	7,768.68	7,244.67									27,806.88
15	TOTAL AMOUNT SENT	30,991.73	20,129.05	25,883.98	23,166.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100,173.14

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with gifted, skilled and generous people. I believe God is doing a mighty work with, in and through us. Let us stay prayerful, humble and poised to be used to and by the Utmost! I am convinced we are on the upswing, there is excitement in the air! Please join us in reaching for those who may have stepped away for a while and help them grasp the vision of our General Baptist family-convincing the unconvinced to be convinced!

Thank you for all you have done, are doing and plan to do. May God bless you and may God continue to bless the General Baptist State Convention. ■

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THEME: *"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness..."* (II Corinthians 6:7)

From the 3rd Vice President

By Dr. Ricky L. Banks,
3rd. Vice-President To GBSC



Rev. Ricky **Banks**

The story is told of a young man who went to his pastor's office early one monday morning. He came in bewildered, hurt, and angry. He replied, its been only eight years, since we stood before God. There we made commitments. We pledged mutual loyalty. We vowed not only to each other but before God that we would be faithful to each other iin our marriage relationship. Now, after these years and two children, she decides she doesn,t love me and wants to go off and find herself. What am I and our children suppose to do while she's on her journey? Then he finished, LOVE stinks.

My friend discovered that humans, even the most trusted humans, often betray our llove. It is for this reason that life without the recognition of God' love is futile. Only in God we find a love without end.

Sometimes that loves come as it did to Israel in the form of punishment for their sins. However, even in punishment, God's love remains steadfast. God's love is above time or circumstances. His love lasts.

SHAW UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL

Shaw University Bear Boosters Club is sponsoring a motorcoach trip to Birmingham, AL. Shaw University Bears vs. Miles College Golden Bears, August 25-26 2007. We will depart from Raleigh at midnight, Friday, August 24th arriving in Birmingham on Saturday, August 25th. Hotel accommodations, the Doubletree Hotel in downtown Birmingham. Kickoff time on Saturday is 6:00 PM. We will return to Raleigh on Sunday, August 26th. More information will be forthcoming. ■

SHAW UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL

Save These Dates:

- **70th Annual Church Leadership Conference, Saturday, June 16, 2007**
- **1st Annual Jammin' for the Lamb Youth Conference, Friday & Saturday, June 22-23, 2007**
- **24th Annual Women's Conference Friday & Saturday, September 20-21, 2007**

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Bronnie **Daniels**

June is the tenth month of the 2006-2007 fiscal year, and the month in which the role of fatherhood is celebrated. How important is the role of the father to home, church, community, state, nation, world. The first stanza of "God of Our Fathers" implies that usually the God of the father becomes the God of the family. Therefore, again one sees that the beliefs of the father greatly impact the values, principles, faith, action of the family and other life institutions. How needed then are Christian fathers who lead their families to live and walk in the Spirit under the authority of the Almighty God!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Reminders

The 123rd Annual Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina will convene in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, at the Benton Convention Center. Please begin praying and making preparation to attend and participate in this celebration.

The session convenes during the week of July 22nd- 26th, 2007. Reverend Michael Long and Zion first Baptist Church, Reidsville will serve as hosts. The hotels are the Marriott and Embassy Suites, Winston-Salem.

Among the events are:

1. A Communion Service on Sunday evening, July 22nd, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. (TBA);

2. The Johnnie Blunt McLester Pre-Convention Banquet on Monday evening, July 23rd 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Benton Convention Center. You may secure tickets from the office of the Woman's Convention now. Tickets secured through the Office are $40.00 each. Tickets secured on site are $41.00 each. Please send to the Office now for tickets;
3. Youth Projects on Tuesday, July 24th, 2007;
4. The Young Adult Missions Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, July 24th, 2007 at 6:45 a.m. The advance donation is $16.00; at the door, $17.00. Space is limited. Please send to the Office for tickets now;
5. The Ministers' Wives and Widows Fellowship Luncheon on Tuesday, July 24th at 12:30 p.m. The advance donation is $15.00; at the door, $16.00. Space is limited. Please send to the Office for tickets now;
6. The Youth Prayer "Pizza Party" during the conventional week (time and place to be announced.) The advance donation is $9.00; at the door, $10.00. Space is limited. Please send to the Office for tickets;
7. Annual Address of President Daniels, along with report of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer Brodie, on Wednesday morning (July 25th). Advance donation for the President's Address is $5.00; on-site $6.00;
8. Joint Early Morning Prayer Hour for Seniors, Young Adults and Youth from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 24th through Thursday, July 26th ;
9. The Executive Board Monday, July 23rd at 10:00 A.M.,

The General Board Monday, July 23rd at 1:45 P.M.

When books are mailed, there will need to be an additional cost for postage; the invoice will reflect the book cost and the additional cost of postage.

District Conference color code for July (Annual Session) will be the following:

2007	Green (Everyone)
2008	Yellow (Everyone)
2009	Red (Everyone)

The 2006-2007 Budget is in the amount $819,055.00, which will be distributed among the objectives: State Missions-$578,154.00, Foreign Missions $80,901.00,

Shaw University-$49,500.00, Shaw Divinity School-$33,500.00, Central Children Home-$36,500.00 and Baptist Assembly-$40,500.00. Check and money orders should be made payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602. PLEASE send generous funds now in particular for State Missions. More than one half of funds sent, if designated should be designated for State Mission, because of the ministries, staff, and operations cost. THANKS TO GOD AND TO YOU in advance for responding to this our great need in order to implement His mission effectively.

Pre-Representation and Pre-Registration fees should be sent to the office not later than July 16, 2007. Fee information and forms have been mailed to District Chairperson, Circle, Union and Auxiliary Presidents. Chairperson and Presidents, please contact the office if you have not received your Annual Session Pre-Registration information.

A Father's Faith

By Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Executive Secretary Treasurer

"God of our fathers, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor thru the skies, our grateful songs before Thy throne arise."

—Daniel C. Roberts



Dr. Priscilla **Brodie**

Laymen's League Men & Boys Retreat

July 20-21, 2007

J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly ~ Laurel Hill, NC 28351

WBH & FMC Annual Session

July 22-26, 2007

M. C. Benton Convention Center ~ 301 W. 5th Street ~ Winston-Salem, NC

WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME & FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

JUNE 2, 2007 LOCATION: TBA

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER BEFORE THE DEADLINE: MAY 18th, 2007

Advance Donation: ____$20.00 Per Person ____$35.00 Per Couple *(Husband and Wife)*

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My Child(ren) will attend the Youth Class () Yes () No

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Age(s)

I shall not hold the Woman's Convention or GBSC liable for any injury which occurs to my child(ren) during the Young Adult Retreat. Please mail blank and money by May 18TH, 2007 to:

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State Youth Oratorical Conference

Ms. Lula Gainey, President
Congress of Christian Education

Greetings, My GBSC Family:



Ms. Lula **Gainey**

Thank you for your continued support of our Congress of Christian Education Objectives. We had a very successful Mid-Year Session in February and the reinstatement of our VBS Clinic was overwhelmingly supported with participation from across the State. Our officers are committed with, "A Mind and Heart for Ministry" at your call as we strive "To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced . . . Through Education, Missions and Fellowship".

Our fiscal year is quickly coming to a close, if you have not sent in your Annual Quota for "2007" please do so as soon as possible. That amount is $400.00 annually or $200.00 bi-annually earmarked for our State Congress.

We are currently in the final planning stages for our State Oratorical Conference, being held June 25 – 27, 2007 at Winston Salem State University, Winston Salem, North Carolina. Please mark your calendars and plan to share with the "Young" and "Young At Heart" in these (3) days and (2) nights of education, orations and Fellowship. A bulk mailing detailing Oratorical Procedures went out to each GBSC church in late March. The same manual was given to those of you who were in attendance of the Mid-Year Oratorical Class. New Topics for the "2007 – 2008" years were released. Please adhere to the rules and procedures released in the Manual for the State Oratorical Conference. Let me reiterate the Oratorical Conference is open to all YOUTH, but only declared representatives of the (62) Associations that make up the General Baptist State Convention. (1 Contestant per Division per Association) participate in the Oratorical Contests. If you have not yet received the "2007 – 2008" Oratorical Information, please go to the GBSC Web site www.BaptistlifeNC.org at the Home page, click on the Resources Tab, next go down to Publications and click on "2007" James F. Wertz Oratorical, you should be able to download the complete Manual.

Winston Salem State University Staff are excited about our group coming to the WSSU campus and are working diligently with us to make this event positive in every aspect.

You may begin early registration with our GBSC office immediately. Please adhere to the quoted figures as printed. On Campus Registration & ***Check In at the:***

ANDERSON CENTER, Monday, June 25, 2007 beginning at 12 NOON – Dinner will be served @ 4PM Monday. Tuesday, June 26th Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner, Wednesday, June 27th Breakfast.

Day Attendees and those choosing Not to live on Campus will still pay the Conference Registration Fees and be responsible for your own housing and meals.

On Campus Participants will be responsible for (Bed Linen & Towels for (2) nights stay), all toiletries, and PERSONALS that make you Function!!! You may bring your own Radios, CD-Players, MP-3'S, TV & Phones at your OWN risk! Lost Keys will be paid directly to WSSU at check-out $50.00.

PREPARATORY DIVISION
6TH, 7TH & 8TH Graders as of July 2007

JUNIOR DIVISION
9TH, 10TH, & 11TH Graders as of July 2007

SENIORS DIVISION
Rising Seniors ONLY

On Campus Housing & Meals

	Conference Registration	Room/Board	Meal Ticket (5) Meals	Total
Contestants		$10.00/Night(2)	$25.00	$45.00
Youth (9—17)	$5.00	$10.00/Night(2)	$25.00	$50.00
Youth (0 – 8)	$5.00		$25.00	$30.00
Adults (18—Up	$10.00	$20.00/Night(2)	$25.00	$75.00

Mrs. C. Trumilla McDowell
Oratorical Contest Director
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2007-2010

J. F. Wertz Oratorical Topics

General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.



SENIOR DIVISION
(rising high school seniors as of July 1, 2007)

- ***Being Trustworthy Is Important To Succeeding In Life***
- ***Standing For Jesus When It Is Not Popular***
- ***Extreme Makeover***
- ***You Cannot Fake Your Faithfulness***
- ***Let The Lord Build Your House***
- ***Jesus Is For Losers***
- ***How To Be A Hero***
- ***Equipped!***
- ***Alcohol And Christian Teens Don't Mix***
- ***Why I Am Loyal To God***

JUNIOR DIVISION
(9th, 10th, 11th grade as of July 1, 2007)

- ***Sometimes I Feel Like Life Is Not Fair, But I Continue To Be Fair To Others***
- ***What Does Being A Christian Mean To Me***
- ***Tell Me Who I Am!***
- ***Just Keep Walking***
- ***Building On A Good Foundation***
- ***Signed, Sealed And Delivered!***
- ***How To Persuade And Influence Peers***
- ***What Is Wrong With Teenage Smoking***
- ***What Christianity Means To Me***
- ***If Not Me, "Who"?***

PREPARATORY DIVISION
(6th, 7th, 8th grade as of July 1, 2007)

- ***Being Treated Unfair Makes Me Feel Bad***
- ***Get Real***
- ***Peer Pressure Should Not Affect My Actions***
- ***Being Honest Takes Courage***
- ***My Friend Jesus***
- ***Jesus Is....***
- ***Do You Hear What I Hear?***
- ***Where Would You Be Without God?***
- ***Heaven or Hell***
- ***A Faithful Friend***



Portia H. **Brandon**

Mrs. Portia H. Brandon, M. Div.
Christian Education Coordinator/Managing Editor

National Baptist Congress Of Christian Education
102nd Annual Session Highlights
St Louis, Missouri
June 18-22, 2007
(Tentative Schedule)

DATE	ACTIVITY
Saturday, June 16, 2007 9:00 am-12:00 noon	First Annual HIV/Aids Awareness Conference Hosted by: St Luke Baptist Church-Dr. Jimmy Brown, Pastor
Sunday, June 17, 2007 7:00 pm-8:00 pm	Pre-Congress Prayer and Worship Service The Adams Mark Hotel
Monday, June 18, 2007 7:00 pm	The Pre Congress Musical (Time of Praise and Fellowship)
Tuesday, June 19-22, 2007	The Congress Session, sponsors more than 500 classes
Tuesday, June 19, 2007 2:00 pm	The Dean's Annual Address
Tuesday, June 19, 2007- 6:00 pm	The Faculty Banquet, The Renaissance Hotel
Tuesday, June 19-21, 2007	**Lunch 'N Learn Program** – In addition to the traditional courses of study, the Congress offers special interest Forums during the lunchtime period.
Wednesday, June 20,2007 1:00 pm	2007 Oratorical Contest Scholarship Each year during the National Baptist Congress Annual Session in June, a contest for high school seniors is held. The national contestants are derived from state and regional competition. 1st place award $5000.00, 2nd award $1000.00 and 3rd place award $700.00.

DATE	ACTIVITY
Wednesday, June 20, 2007 6:00 pm	The President's Education Banquet Keynote Speaker Dr. Julius Scruggs Vice President At Large, NBC, USA, Inc.
Thursday, June 21, 2007 2:00 pm	• The President's Annual Address "The Restoration & Revitalization of the Black Family" • National Scholarship Program-Each year a total of seven ($5000.00) scholarships are awarded to deserving college bound students from each of the Convention's regions. • The First Annual National Baptist Congress: Role Model Awards Honorees: • Mr. Tom Joyner • Mr. Gregory Anderson • The Honorable Glenda Hatchett • Ms. Pernessa Seele • Mr. Curtis King
Friday, June 22, 2007 12:00 pm-3:00 pm	The "Save the Family Summit" will feature outstanding African Americans, Mayors of our cities, leading presidents of Historically Black Colleges & Universities, and leading pastors of our Congress and Convention. This summit will be broadcast ACROSS the country by the media & press.
Friday, June 22, 2007 6:00 pm	Youth Rally The Annual Explosive and Uplifting Youth and Children's Rally. Over 10,000 young people will bless us with dance, drama, and music.

The First Annual National Baptist Congress
• "Role Model" Awards, Thursday, June 21, 2007, 2:00 p.m.
Honorees are:



• **Mr. Tom Joyner**
(Producer and on-air personality of the "Tom Joyner Morning Show")



• **Mr. Gregory Anderson**
(Writer of the inspiring movie "Stomp The Yard"



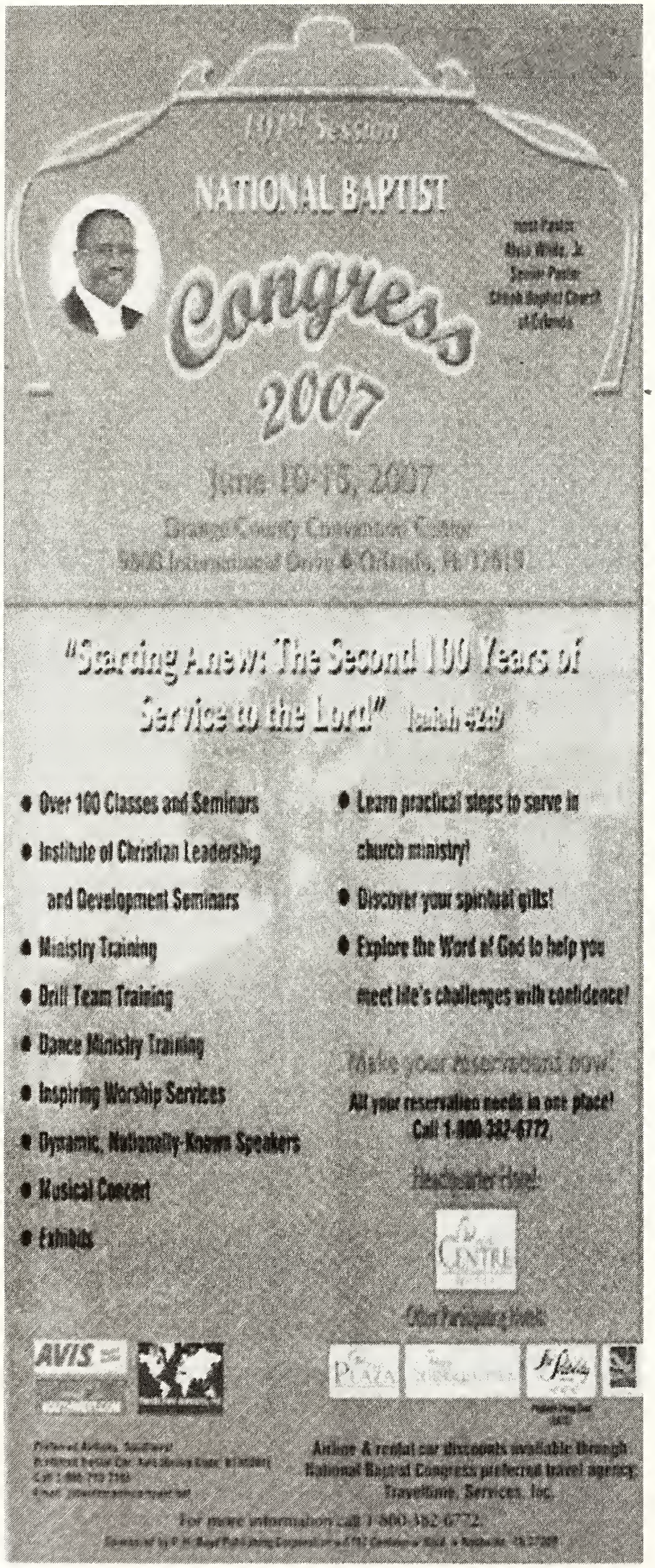
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53rd Annual Youth Seminar

Shaw University
Raleigh, North Carolina

Saturday, June 23rd - Friday, June 29th, 2007



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Pastor
New Life Empowerment Temple
Richmond, Virginia

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Mail-In Registration ALL Manual Registration ONLY - $255 (April 1 - May 31, 2007)
Late Registration - $300 (Beginning June 1, 2007)

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Sr. Wealth Planner


Mr. Dexter **Perry**

This past Mid-Year Session of the General Baptist State Convention was held in Shelby, North Carolina and was a wonderful opportunity to see old friends, catch-up on family news, grow spiritually and recommit ourselves to the causes and purpose of the Convention. Many of us listened to President Moss continually say that his administration will always focus on issues that are "relevant" to our time. In his passion depiction of the future, he mentioned that "Debt" was a continuous threat to our families. While in session, we had the opportunity to participate in a "Financial Strategies" workshop that spelled out in great detail the types of credit and debt most families use and how such use impacts our credit score. We had the opportunity to visit the "E-Bus" and use the computer to pull our credit reports for free. As we went through these exercises, we began to understand how debt keeps us in bondage and takes away our economic power to support our families, our communities and our Convention. If we had a "Debt-Free" congregation, how much more could we be doing in local ministry and in the Convention? As a Financial Planner and Investment Advisor Representative, I see too often the negative impact of debt, and fear that many of us will be lost forever in the economic abyss of poverty simply because we procrastinated in taking deliberate and clear steps to get out of debt. One of my focuses as a financial planner is to ensure that "Debt" is not passed on to the family in the event of death. It is shameful to leave an inheritance of debt and poverty, when it is so easy to leave an inheritance of wealth and prosperity. Consider the use of life insurance in your debt reduction planning. If death comes before your debt has been repaid, life insurance can pay those claims and leave money to sustain your family after you are gone. At the Mid-Year Session, our good friends at North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company had information about a wonderful program known as SELECT VIP.

Select VIP is a Universal Life insurance plan that is offered to all GBSC Churches and Associations on an individual basis. The plan provides a death benefit that ranges from $10,000.00 to $100,000.00. The death benefit is payable, TAX-FREE, to the designated beneficiary upon the death of the insured. There are NO-MEDICAL EXAMS required, and ages 0 to 70 are eligible to apply. The monthly premiums can be a low as $14.00, and must be drafted from your personal bank account. See the chart below to get an idea of how much $10,000.00 of coverage would be for you:

I encourage you to consider the impact that your debt will have on your family if it is not paid off by your death. If you do not have any life insurance, or not enough life insurance, then please contact me at 919-858-7819 or toll free at 866-687-4631 to discuss how this plan can help you protect your family from the negative impact of debt.

Dexter Perry serves as Senior Wealth Planner for The Providence Group of North Carolina located in Cary, NC. He can be reached at 919-858-7817 or by email at dperry@providencegroupnc.com with any questions or comments.

SELECT VIP
AGE/PREMIUM AND APPROXIMATE FACE AMOUNT OF INSURANCE

AGE / PREMIUM	$14	$25	$35	$45	$65	$80
25 y/o	$28,000	$56,000	$81,000	$100,000	N/A	N/A
35 y/o	$17,000	$35,000	$51,000	$67,000	$100,000	N/A
45 y/o	$10,000	$19,000	$28,000	$37,000	$55,000	$68,000
55 y/o	N/A	$10,000	$13,000	$17,000	$27,000	$36,000
65 y/o	N/A	N/A	N/A	$10,000	$15,000	$18,000
70 y/o	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	$10,000	$12,000

THE GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

ATTENTION

GBSC MODERATORS

So that we can better serve you, we need the following information.

MODERATOR'S NAME_____

MODERATOR'S ADDRESS_____

MODERATOR'S PHONE NUMBER_____

ASSOCIATION NAME_____

ONE DAY SESSION DATE_____

ANNUAL SESSION DATES_____

Please complete this form and send to:

General Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc.
C/O Mrs. Portia H. Brandon, M. Div.
603 South Wilmington St
Raleigh, NC 27601

MUSICIAN

Woodland Chapel Baptist Church is seeking a musician for its Gospel Choir.

Qualifications:

- **Christian**
- **Experience with church music**
- **Ability to read music**
- **Ability to play by ear**
- **Ability to play keyboard and/or piano**
- **Familiarity with a wide range of church music**

Candidate must be committed to attending rehearsals and accompanying the Gospel Choir during Sunday worship services as well as other serviced.

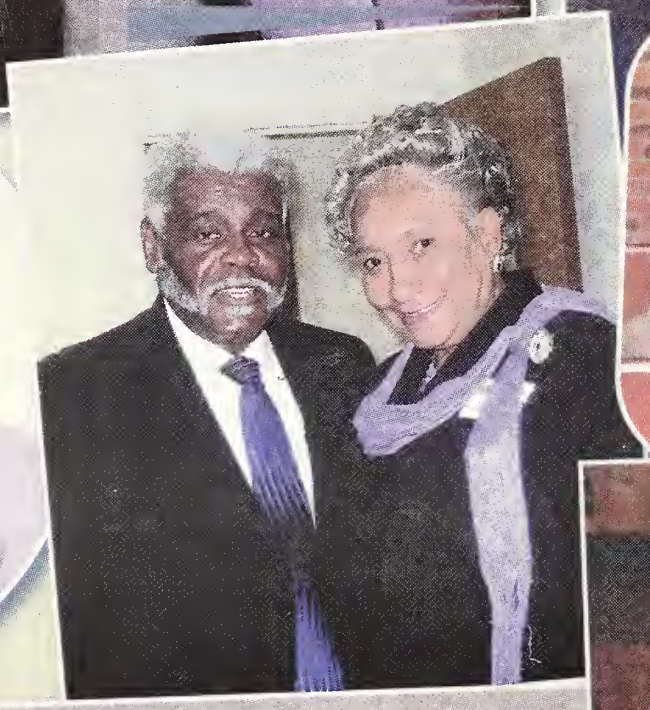
Please send a letter of interest to:

Woodland Chapel Baptist Church
Attention: Minister of Music
13500 Camp Kanata Rd
Wake Forest, NC 27587



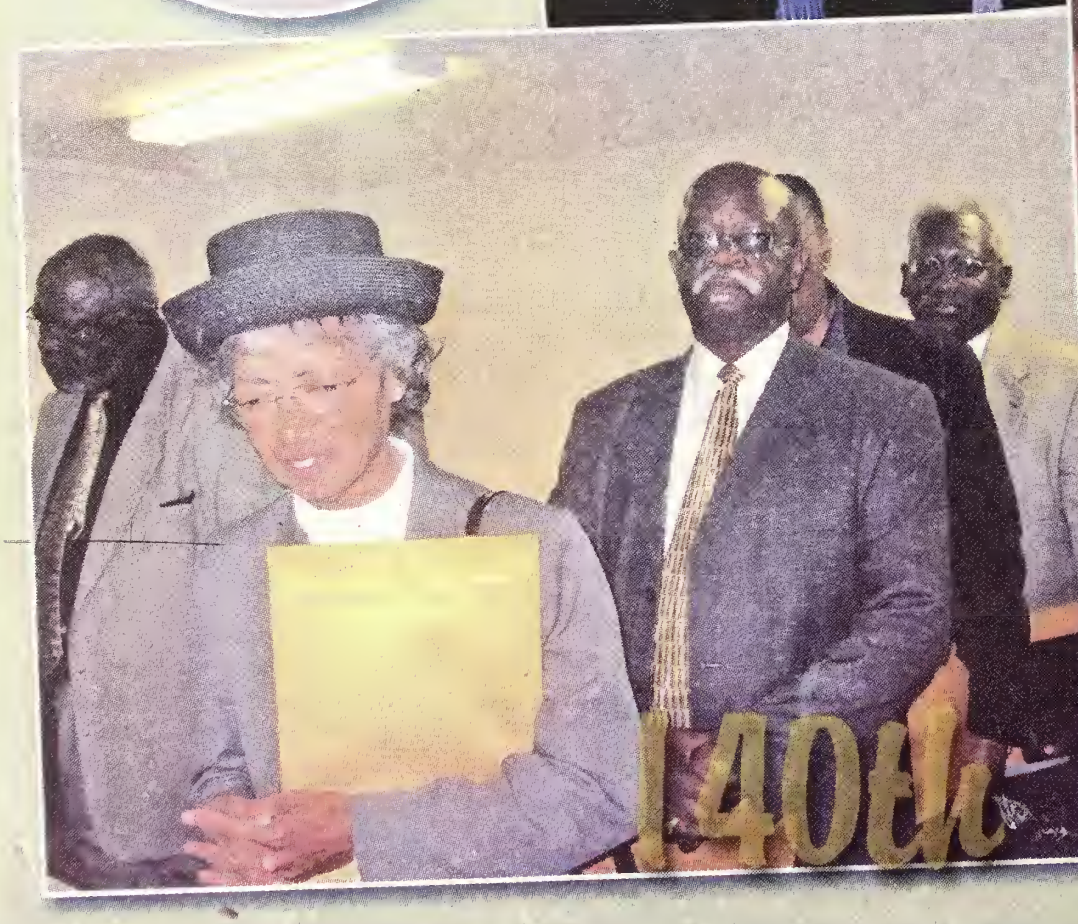


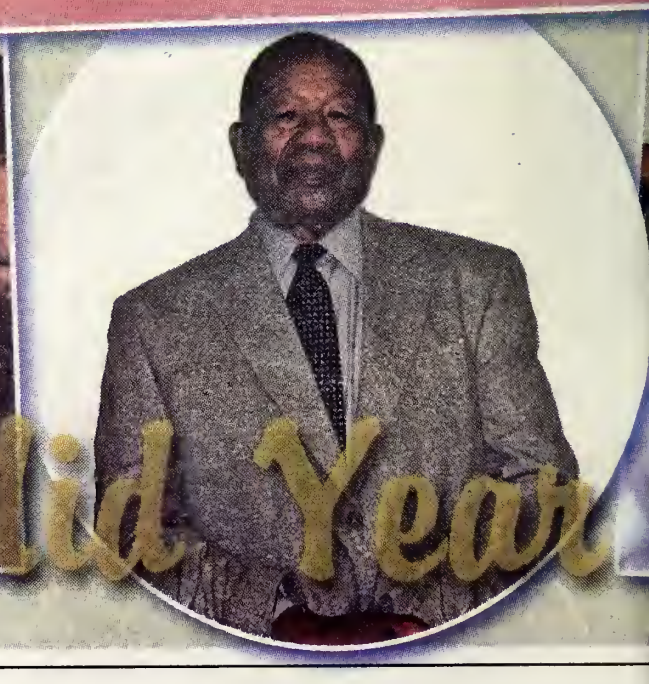












140th Mid-Year

Session Highlights

Health and Wellness Workshop Sets Tone for Mid-year Session

The General Baptist State Convention held its mid-year session at Ellis Chapel Baptist Church in Patterson Springs near Shelby, NC. A feature of this year's session was the health and wellness workshop conducted by Dr. Valencia Covington, M.D. and Dr. Thomas L. Walker, Chair of the Health and Wellness committee of the Convention. The theme of the workshop "Health Issues Facing Our Community" touched on several key subjects such as diabetes, heart attack, stroke and various cancers.

A highlight of the workshop was the introduction of the "Jericho Project" a program developed by EBC-Atom's Executive Director, Stanley King and commissioned by Dr. Walker, Chairman of the Board of EBC-Atom. The Jericho Project was created to provide an innovative and holistic approach to health and wellness education in the community and church family through spiritual and Christian fellowship.

One initiative mentioned was the "Dinner and a Movie Workshops", which are held each third Friday night. Selected movies focus on the subjects of health and life skills such as teenage life, marriage and parenting. This is our innovative approach to providing an opportunity for honest discussion about today's social issues that affect African American families says Dr. Walker. "Walk Away the Pounds", another initiative, is a light impact aerobics program designed to help you gradually improve your stamina, help you lose weight and reduce your risk of chronic diseases. "First Friday" a musical showcase of talent, "Food of the Week" profile, 'Youth in Motion" and "Healthy Meals" are other initiatives of the Jericho Project.


Dr. Thomas L. Walker, Board Chair, Jericho Project

Dr. Walker states that the most exciting initiative of EBC-Atom however, is "Mama Why" the gospel play that focuses on a family dealing with many of the pressures of today's society and how a spiritual mother prays to hold them together. This play features Dr. Walker singing "One Day at a Time" and other nationally known recording artist. The purpose of the play is to raise funds for local churches to start health and wellness programs. This play has been sponsored by the NC Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities. Dr. Walker's vision for the General State Baptist is clear "become more involved with the health and wellness of our members and community".

If you would like more information about how to start a Jericho Project at your church please contact Stanley King, Executive Director EBC-Atom at 336.392.3378 or Dr. Thomas L. Walker, Board Chair at 252.212.5480. ■

Grace and Peace: *"Let It Go"*

Bishop A.T. Griffey, III
GBSC Historian

Every serious disciple of Jesus Christ desires to attain to spiritual maturity, of this there should be no argument. Many faithful disciples spend their entire lifetime striving to reach an ever-higher level of maturity, and even babes in Christ have that fervor that drives them to not remain babes but to somehow find the secret of how to "grow in the grace and knowledge" of their Savior, Jesus Christ (II Peter 3:18). Many books have been written to help disciples grow up and into the faith, but we need look no further than God's written word for the way to reaching that elusive goal.


Dr. A.T. **Griffey, III**

Realizing We Have Not Yet Attained. (Phillipians 3:12-13) The mature disciple exhibits the marks of maturity when he realizes he has a long way to go yet, for the ultimate goal is to be like the Master! Paul once said to the Corinthian brethren, "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ" (I Corinthians 11:1). In effect, Paul was saying, "Come follow me because I'm trying to catch up with Jesus, and He's way ahead of us!" The goal of every disciple is to be like the Master (Matthew10:25), and Jesus Himself put certain offices within the church to help us eventually come "to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:12-13). In other words: that we might be like Him!

Forgets The Past. (Philippians 3:13) The mature disciple also is one who does not dwell on the past — good or bad. He realizes that, in the past, he was a sinner — guilty of transgressing the will of God (Rom. 3:23) and guilty of the blood of Christ (Galatians 2:20). He could look back on this and wallow in self-pity and remorse, but he knows that he is now forgiven! Instead of dwelling on how bad he was at one time, the mature disciple focuses now on what he has become, through the power of Christ (Philippians 4:13).

> He "diligently seeks" God because he knows there is a reward (Hebrews 11:6), and is constantly seeking to "excel still more" though he is already mature in many spiritual things
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> (I Thessalonians. 4:1, 10).

Reaches for the Future. (Philippians 3:13) The mature disciple is one who, of necessity, has a deep understanding of God's word but who, at the same time, is striving to always know more and to understand it better. He is "diligent" to present himself approved to God and rightly divides the word (II Timothy 2:15), and knows that constant study is the only way to ensure that continues to be the case. Laziness regarding God's word is simply not even considered! He knows that the future will bring more challenges, more temptations, and more trials, and an even deeper knowledge of God's word is necessary. He knows he must have the desire as a babe for the "pure milk of the word" (I Peter 2:2), but knows he cannot feast on milk for long before moving onto the meat (Hebrews 5:14).

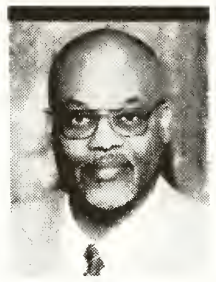
Presses Toward the Goal. (Philippians 3:14) Here is often the most distinctive mark of the mature disciple: he has a goal! And not only does he have a goal, everyone else knows it, too! So much a part of his life is this goal that it will be evident to all because he desires it so strongly. The mature disciple does not hide the fact that he is a disciple, but gladly shares his goal with others in the hopes that it will be their goal, too. He forgoes the chase for the pleasures of the flesh and the everyday distractions the world throws at him, and has his mind "on things above, not on things on the earth" (Colossians 3:2). He "diligently seeks" God because he knows there is a reward (Hebrews 11:6), and is constantly seeking to "excel still more" though he is already mature in many spiritual things (I Thessalonians. 4:1, 10). ■

Overcoming Evil With Good By "Making Disciples" Inside Prison Walls

Matthew 28:18-20

Reverend Michael R. Smith, Sr., Chairman, GBSC Anti-Crime & Incarceration Ministry

I have been serving in prisons since 1979. In every prison I have been in throughout this country, I can testify that Jesus Christ has been present. As I became more involved in prison ministry, the Holy Spirit began to help me understand more fully what Jesus meant when he gave the Great Commission. Part of the Great Commission says, "Go into all the world and make disciples." I came to understand the Great Commission did not leave out persons who were in prison. I realized that a person's circumstances (even incarceration) cannot stop the Lord's desire to "make disciples of all nations". Now that I have been serving as a Chaplain/Pastor in the prison setting for over 20 years, I can testify as an eyewitness and active participant to the Lord "making disciples" inside prison walls. The Bible teaches that the Lord is no respecter of persons. This means He will use a person in prison to do his will just like He can use anybody else. Remember Joseph, Samson, and the Apostles Paul and John. They all experienced incarceration (not for crimes), but none the less were used mightily inside the prison walls. Today our nation leads the world in the numbers of person who are incarcerated in state and federal prisons (over 2 million). This mission field for the most part continues to be neglected by a large part of the Church. I guess many don't truly believe God can overcome evil with good by making disciples inside prison walls. Many in the Church still only have a "stained glass window" understanding of where and how God is building His Church. Well let me help you get a Christian worldview of what the Lord is doing inside prison walls!



Michael R. **Smith**

The prison setting cannot hinder the Holy Spirit's work no more than the most crime invested part of a city can. What hinders the Holy Spirit's work are Christians who do not live from a Christian worldview. Too many of us simply live with an infantile understanding of the Church and missions that is centered on what happens within the physical building you go to each Sunday. I declare to you it is time to grow up and move out onto the mission field of In-Prison ministry where the Great Commission is being fulfilled inside prison walls. The Anti-Crime and Incarceration Ministry is seeking to train churches to "make disciples" inside prison walls. Most volunteers think the main type of in-prison ministry is going inside and holding an hour worship service. I want you to know it is more effective to disciple the person in prison than to think having a hour long worship service is enough. Presently, I have established Schools of Discipleship at two major prisons in out state. These Schools of Discipleship seek to disciple the Christians in the prison to grow and carry out the Church's mission inside prison walls. AND IT IS WORKING! I want to encourage every GBSC association to see if the prison in your area needs a School of Discipleship established inside the prison. If so, let AIM equip you to move to another level of in-prison ministry where we can overcome evil with good by making disciples inside prison walls to reach, reconcile, and restore other prisoners.

The GBSC Anti-Crime & Incarceration Ministry needs our churches to get involved now!

(FILL OUT OUR AIM COMMITMENT FORM AND RETURN TO HEADQUARTERS)

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ANTI-CRIME & INCARCERATION MINISTRY

Reverend Michael R. Smith, Sr., Chairman / Reverend Melvin Solomon, Vice Chairman

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Number & Street / Apt. #

City & State & Zip Code

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(At-Risk Youth Ministry, In-Prison Ministry, Aftercare Ministry, Victims of Crime Ministry, Prayer Ministry)

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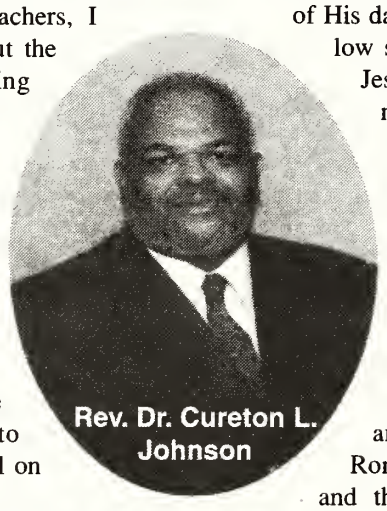
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"REACHING, RECONCILING, RESTORING HUMAN LIVES"

God Seeks Bold Prophetic Witnesses on Iraq

By: Rev. Dr. Cureton L. Johnson

Like many other people, I opposed the war in Iraq before it began. I was distressed over our aggression there even as war loomed upon our nation's horizon like dark clouds in the distance. Like some preachers, I warned our church about the wickedness of bombing Iraq.


Rev. Dr. Cureton L. Johnson

Since those tragic beginnings of war in Iraq in 2003, I have been called upon twice to speak at peace rallies in Fayetteville against U.S. actions in Iraq. But it was a phone call to my home in late 2006 that spurred me to become even more vocal on this issue.

The call came about 11:30 p.m. one night. Such late calls usually signal trouble to a pastor. A woman from the church, who has a keen gift for spiritual discernment, was on the line and was deeply depressed over events in Iraq. She went on to say that the Lord and stirred her to "speak out" against the war whenever and wherever she could.

God touched my heart that night and wrestled with my spirit for several days, calling upon me to more boldly speak out against the war and to call our nation to pray for repentance of sins in Iraq and for the Almighty to bring peace to Iraq.

Last month, during its Mid-Year Session, the General Baptist State Convention of N.C. Inc., approved a statement calling on Missionary Baptist Churches to pray for the forgiveness of our nation's sins in Iraq and for peace in that region of the world. By doing this, the Convention officially responded to God's call for a bold prophetic witness on the crisis in Iraq.

Indeed, pastors and churches must lead the resistance to this unjust and immoral war. The church must prophetically bear witness against the arrogance of U.S. foreign policies that place armed aggression above diplomacy and initiate wars based on lies and deceptions. We must remind ourselves that as a nation we cannot succumb to evils greater than those of adversaries. We cannot deny human rights to detainees at Guantanamo Bay and support torture of prisoners and call ourselves the "land of the free." We cannot ignore the rules of the Geneva Convention, usurp privacy rights illegally and invade countries without just cause and still lead the "free world."

Jesus boldly faced the evil powers of His day, and we must follow suit! We know that Jesus died that our sins might be forgiven. His death was executed by spiritual wickedness that head infiltrated into the high places powers of His society. Jesus went to the capital city of his country and confronted Roman imperial power and the Jewish religious power structure. He was viewed as a political, social and religious threat to these earthly leaders. Yet, he challenged their sins and proclaimed the Kingdom of God widely.

Many people today continue to be afraid to speak out against our national sins in Iraq, but pastors and churches cannot and must not duck the issue. Like the prophet Daniel, we must throw open our windows and pray that the mighty hand of God will restore sanity to our nation and grant peace to Iraq. The Christian church must not lose sight of the fact that we have a great prophetic tradition. We must not overlook systems that dehumanize and destroy peoples' lives.

Dr. James Forbes, former pastor of the Riverside Church in New York, told Shaw Divinity School Pastor Conference attendees last March that "When God gets mad, He calls Him a prophet! The prophet stands for God and says what God says. The prophet must see divine light," he said. "He must see what others cannot see."

We were reminded by other presenters that prophetic preaching and witnessing proclaims God's justice and righteousness. It challenges corrupt practices and relates Scriptures to unjust social conditions. Prophetic preaching is divinely inspired and points out corrupt practices and social conditions, especially those that oppress poor and vulnerable people. Indeed, prophetic witness speaks truth to the powerful and to the powerless.

So while we pray continually for our men and women in uniform and for their return home soon, let us not forget to pray for the millions of lives that have been disrupted in Iraq by our nation's wicked aggression. An estimate one million Iraqis are refugees in Syria and about another million have fled to Jordan. Many are dying in refugee camps, in addition to the estimated 100,000 men, women, and children who have died since the war began in 2003.

Let us remember the words of Scripture: "*If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*" (II Chronicles 7:14) There is no better time to put these words into action!

So let us offer our prayers on Sunday, July 1, as a National Day of Repentance and Prayer on Iraq. Hold your service on the Wednesday evening proceeding the fourth of July (June 27), if Sunday is not suitable, or use any date that fits your church calendar.

For materials to assist you in preparing for this service, call First Baptist Church at 910-483-6505 for a sample service outline and readings, or e-mail CJohnson@1st-baptist.com.

Dr. Johnson is the pastor of the First (Missionary) Baptist Church, 302 Moore Street, Fayetteville, N.C. 28301, and was a contributing writer for the book, "Hunger for the Word: Lectionary Reflections on Food and Justice (Year B), Liturgical Press, 2005. ■

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MT CARMEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Vacancy

- A minimum of three(3) years of experience as pastor.
- A licensed and ordained Baptist minister.
- Some college and seminary training.
- An effective preacher/teacher(conducts bible study)
- Makes pastoral visits of call to people in hospitals, homes and nursing homes.
- Effective working with all age groups of the church.
- Effective in planning and leading worship(has a vision for the growth of the church.
- Live in proximity to the church(preferred).
- Family and Community oriented.
- Supportive of the various associations of the church.
- Have a knowledge of Baptist Doctrine.

Please send resumes to: Pulpit Committee
Mt Carmel Missionary Baptist Church
P.O. Box 1421
Elizabeth City, NC 27909

1. **What is *Campaign 750?*** Campaign 750 is an effort to have 750 Churches agree to give $100.00 each month designated for State Missions. The second part of the Campaign is to identify three (3) persons in each of the 750 Churches who will give $10.00 each month designated for State Missions.
2. **Does my Church have to give every month?** Yes. In order for the Campaign to be successful and the necessary funds raised, each Church that enrolls will be expected to contribute each month.
3. **When are funds due?** *Campaign 750* funds are due by the **tenth day of each month.** Please be sure that your financial staff mails your check in sufficient time to be received at the Baptist Headquarters by the **tenth day of the each month.**
4. **Does our Church need a special form?** No. All your Church needs to do is to make a note on the check for *Campaign 750* and the proper accounting of your funds will be noted.
5. **May we send our contributions for missions and objectives in the same check as *Campaign 750*?** PLEASE DO NOT. Please send a separate check for *Campaign 750.* Your funds will be deposited into a restricted account separate from the account where other monies are deposited.
6. **Can my Church pay up ahead of time?** If your Church wishes to send its funds in advance (for example, $300.00 for a quarter), it may do so. However, Churches are encouraged to send the funds monthly.
7. **Why is it important to send the funds monthly?** By sending funds monthly, we are much better able to budget for the Convention's expenses. We can project what we will receive each month and plan to pay the Convention's bills which are received each month.
8. **May a Church send more than $100.00 a month?** Most certainly. The $100.00 is the minimum amount requested. This amounts to $25.00 a Sunday for those Churches with services every Sunday. (It's only $12.50 a service if your Church has two services on Sunday.) Some Churches will decide to send more when thinking of their resources and blessings.
9. **What about our Church's contributions to the other objectives?** Your Church is still expected to contribute regularly to support the objectives of the Convention. The Campaign 750 donation is above and beyond what your Church is currently sending. If your Church is not supporting the Convention, Campaign 750 gives your Church a good starting point.
10. **How should we find individuals in our Church to contribute?** Whatever method you use is fine. You may solicit three people to give for an entire year. You may solicit three different people each month.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about Campaign 750

11. **How should the funds collected from individuals be sent in?** Our preference would be that the Church collect the funds and send them along with the Church's funds once a month. However, if the individuals choose to send their contributions directly to us, please be sure that they indicate *Campaign 750* on their check as well as give the name of your Church.
12. **What will be done with the funds when we send them in?** *Campaign 750* funds will be deposited directly into a restricted account. As the Convention has needs to use the funds sent, money will be transferred from the restricted account. By handling the funds this way, the Headquarters will be best able to account for all contributions received.
13. **What will the funds be used for?** First, the funds will be drawn upon to pay for OPERATIONS expenses. Secondly, the funds will be drawn upon to pay for PROGRAMMING expenses. Finally, the funds will be drawn upon to pay for CONVENTION DEBT TO VENDORS.
14. **How long will it take to pay off the Convention's debt?** Along with other strategies to retire our debt, it is estimated that the Convention's debt could be settled in twenty-seven (27) months if *Campaign 750* is fully implemented.
15. **What will happen once the debt to vendors is paid?** The Convention will then apply funds from *Campaign 750* to pay funds due to the objectives from previous fiscal years.
16. **What happens once the funds due to objectives is paid?** Once the Convention has met all of its debt obligations (both to vendors and to the objectives), the funds from *Campaign 750* will be used to expand the Convention's programming and services.
17. **Will we stop enrolling Churches once 750 have enrolled?** Certainly not. We would like to see every General Baptist Church participate. 750 is a goal to work toward. We hope to exceed this goal.
18. **Could an Association or an Association Auxiliary enroll?** Yes. We would welcome the support from local Associations or Auxiliaries of Associations.
19. **What if our Church loses track of our contributions?** Not a problem. You will receive a receipt and the Baptist Headquarters will be able to provide a statement of your contributions upon request.
20. **Can our Church designate where we want *Campaign 750* funds applied?** No. If you wish to make a contribution for a certain reason, please do not label your funds *Campaign 750.* Funds for *Campaign 750* will be used according to the greatest immediate need: either operations, programming, or debt reduction. You may always send a designated contribution which will be applied according to your instructions.

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SPIRITUAL LEADER

St John Missionary Baptist Church, located in the Epworth Community of Vanceboro, NC seeks a spiritual leader. Here are some of the characteristics we are looking for in spirit-led leader.

The candidate must

- Exert confident leadership as well as accept responsibilities in the broad field of education.
- Facilitate unity within the organization.
- Implement policies fairly and consistently.
- Conceptualize a broad spectrum of educations precepts, generalization, dispositions, and points of view.
- Demonstrate competence as a consumer of current resources
- Implement effective change processes when needed.
- Transmit a personal vision
- Respect individual needs and abilities
- Empower co-workers by articulating the difference between management and leadership in terms of the differences in the way the followers are managed or the way they are motivated.
- Demonstrate critical thinking, problem solving, and decision-making skills.

Interested candidates are asked to send a resume or letter of intent to:

Search Committee
PO Box 664
Vanceboro, NC 28586
Attn: Stan Adams or
Email it to: manonestan@aol.com

Minister of Music

Union Missionary Baptist Church is seeking a Minister of Music. The applicant should possess a passion for God, his word, and people.

Basic Requirements:

- **Born again Christian spirit-filled and gifted in music.**
- **Experience in working with choirs.**
- **Teach music and conduct workshops.**
- **Rehearses with all choirs of the church once a week**
- **Accompany the pastor, and choir on engagement to other churches.**
- **Select appropriate hymns and songs foe worship services.**
- **Available for all Sunday worship services.**

Interest persons should send a letter of interest and resume to:

Union Missionary Baptist Church
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Jacksonville, NC 28540

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I have built and designed more than 40 churches in my 55 years of general contracting. The quality of construction, design, and landscaping should create a meaningful setting which is an inspiration to its members and the community.

When you consult with me, my first step is a detailed inquiry of the various programs at you church. This enables me to understand my services. Our first meeting is to get acquainted and find out your needs.

The second step is providing a master plan of your entire church property and renderings or models of the proposed buildings.

The third step is preparing your construction drawing which include:

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- Special lighting effects
- Design plans
- Structural design
- Energy saving heating and cooling
- Specifications (in laypersons language)

I have found that coordinating all of these design phases through one firm avoids costly delays, misunderstanding and mistakes during constructions.

There are many phases in church planning and design which require a specialist in that field. When you start your next building program, I hope you will give me a call.

At Your Service
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Ahoskie, NC 27910

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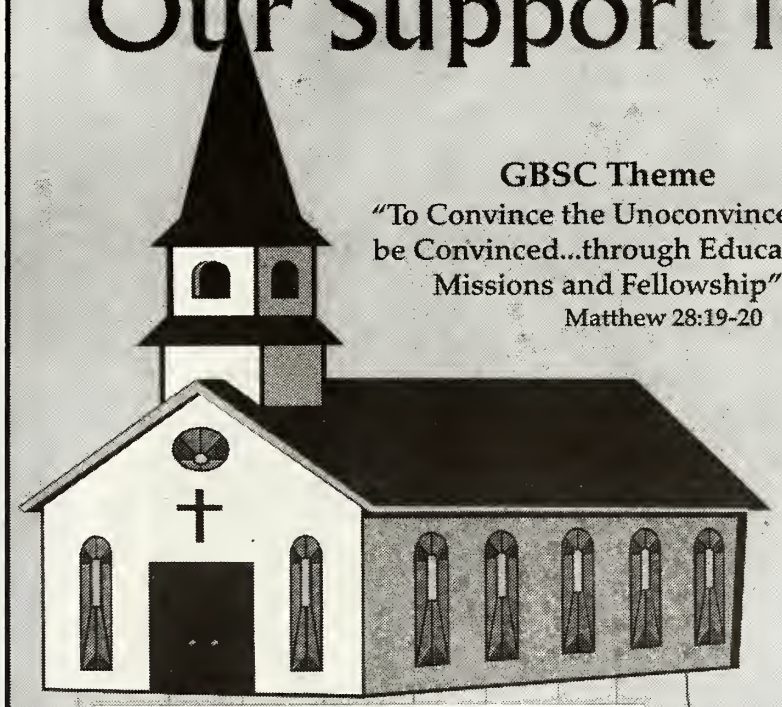
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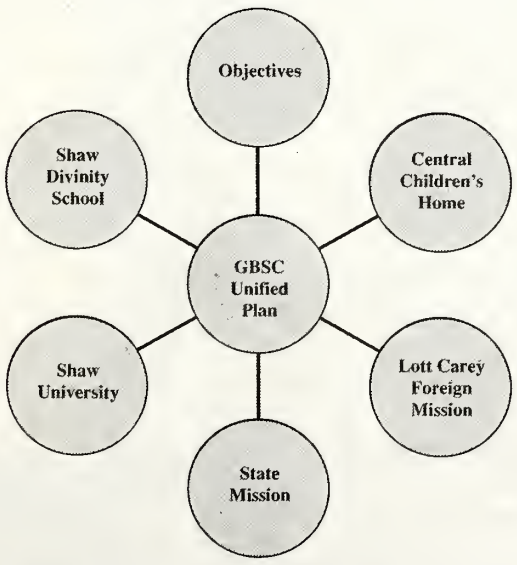
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21 years: Oh, that man-he is out of date!
25 years: He knows a little bit about it, but not much.
30 years: I must find out what Dad thinks about it.
35 years: Before we decide, we will get Dad's idea first.
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60 years: My Dad knew literally everything!
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"To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced...through Education, Missions and Fellowship," Matthew 28:19-20

By Reverend Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr.
President GBSC



Rev. Dr. Gregory K. **Moss, Sr.**

Greetings to you my beloved General Baptist family in the marvelous name of the risen one, Jesus Christ.

The work of our convention rolls on and July ushers in opportunities to further our vision of equipping the saints. The Woman's Convention convenes July 22, 2007 in Winston-Salem. We are expecting thousands of women and youth to assemble for a week packed with fellowship, ministry, study and fun for the entire General Baptist family. I especially appeal to our pastors to support the session with your presence. It is a wonderful opportunity to establish, enhance and renew relationships with others from across the state. The session also provides seminars for ministers looking to stay "fresh" and relevant in ministry.

In an effort to operate more efficiently and effectively, the Trinity session will also convene in Winston-Salem on the 23rd for annual session. The leadership of the Congress, Ushers, and Layman's League has agreed to meet in joint session for one day. The joint session will commence with a combined opening worship followed by breakout sessions for each auxiliary. Each auxiliary agreed to support the Layman's luncheon featuring Brother Calvin Martin, President of the Lott Carey Layman's League as guest speaker. We are indebted to the presidents of these three auxiliaries for their vision and cooperation in this historic effort. We are further encouraging members of these auxiliaries to support the Woman's Convention's banquet held on the night of July 23. You may purchase tickets from the office of the Woman's Convention. We encourage you to order tickets early as they are going fast.

During the month of June, two of our pastors transitioned from labor to reward. Reverend Ernest Battle of Rocky Mount and S. E. Tyndal of Winston-Salem. We will continue to pray for their families and thank God for allowing them to use their giftedness and abilities in building His kingdom during their faith journey. May they rest from their labor and their works follow them.

Finally, the General Board met in Raleigh on June 11, at Christian Faith Baptist Church. A healthy discussion ensued about our support for State Missions and the leadership's responsibility to "lead" efforts in giving to and supporting State Missions individually and through our associations and churches. At meeting's end, we made commitments and went on record in support of efforts by the General Board to contribute specified amounts to State Missions yearly. It is our position that leaders cannot and shall not lead from the rear. We encourage each moderator, pastor, association, church and any willing individuals to join us in putting our convention on a solid financial foundation. Thank you in advance for your support.

Have a wonderful month and may God bless you and may God bless the General Baptist State Convention. ■

110th Annual Session of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention



Dr. Keith A. Troy
President

We are thrilled that the 110th Annual Session of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention is meeting at the Marriott Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana 13 – 17 August 2007. Since September 2005, the Lott Carey family has been working closely with sisters and brothers in Louisiana and along the Gulf Coast region of the United States toward "helping people rise again" from the devastations of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. We have partnered in funding one Church Resource Center and six Resurrection Centers as well as provided support for a larger number of Relief Centers in the region. Our convening in New Orleans is another part of our commitment to "helping people rise again." Thank you for joining us to inform and inspire one another to invest in Christian missions around the world. Be sure to stay informed about you can help touch lives with the transforming love of Christ at www.lottcarey.org. ■

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Charlie Nelms Tabbed As New NCCU Chancellor



Charlie Nelms of Indiana University has been named the new chancellor at N.C. Central University.

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July 20-21, 2007 ▪
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July 22-26, 2007 ▪
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June 4, 2007

28th Annual Family Missions Conference

Sat., September 22, 2007 ▪
First Baptist Church, Chadbourn
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The General Board

Dr. Howard Parker, Jr.
Vice President at Large



Dr. Howard **Parker, Jr.**

On Monday, June 11, 2007 the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina met at the Christian Faith Baptist Church of Raleigh, Dr. David C. Forbes, Sr., Pastor.

The General Board functions as the Convention when the Convention is not in session thus handling the affairs and business of the Convention. While the attendance of the General Board meeting was great, all of the members were not present. Some members of the General Board did call or email that they would not be able to attend however, others did not. The General Board is made up of 127 individuals and of that number, 60 of those individuals are Moderators.

Moderators of Associations across the state lead their respective bodies during the year in one manner or another. Leadership in any function, once you have accepted it, should be taken seriously. The GBSC needs the Moderators of each Association to be an active part of the Convention as we continue to make every effort to "Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced through Education, Missions and Fellowship."

Out of the sixty (60) Moderators in the Convention, only eight (8) were present at the meeting on June 11, 2007. Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr., President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina challenged the members of the General Board and those of the Executive Committee to step up to the plate by making a commitment to providing the leadership that is needed for our Convention through the General Board and the Executive Committee.

By the time you read this article, all Moderators in the state should have received a letter from our Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Haywood T. Gray, as requested by the General Board. Please read and respond to the letter knowing that your participation and leadership to the Convention is greatly appreciated and requested. If you are a Moderator and you have not received a letter, please feel free to call or email me or call or email the headquarters.

Finally, if you are a Moderator and unavailable to attend a General Board meeting, in the future, please (1) call to inform us that you cannot attend, (2) please select a member of your Association to represent you in your absence.

Thank you, in advance, for all considerations. ■

From the Desk of the First Vice-President

Dr. Nilous Avery, II, D. Min.
First Vice-President



Dr. Nilous **Avery, II**

To the beloved saints of the General Baptist family and all who love the Lord, the work, witness, worship, ministry, and mission of the Lord:

"Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Timothy 1:2b, NKJV)

The late Dr. Edward Victor Hill, pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California was noted for often saying there were three books the church needed to carry out its kingdom mandate: the good book (Bible), the hymnbook, and the pocketbook.

Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus used parables to illustrate the kingdom of God. Jesus emphasized the stewardship of material possessions in 16 of the 38 parables in the Gospels. The importance of stewardship and its faithful, generous practice in kingdom building is replete throughout the Scriptures. The writer in 2 Corinthians 9:11 reminds us that we are enriched by our generous and gracious God in order to be free and liberal givers. Liberality and generosity in giving are not optional; they are kingdom responsibilities.

John Maxwell notes that the scriptures challenge us to be liberal and generous in giving (Stewardship Strategies). Maxwell says we must support the ministry of God's kingdom building because:

- Giving is Kingdom-focused (Matthew 6:33).
- Giving responds to needs (Romans 12).
- Giving is consistent and deliberate (1 Corinthians 16:1-2).
- Giving enriches and benefits others (2 Corinthians 8:9).

General Baptists, our State Missions is Kingdom-focused, responsive to needs, constant and deliberate, and enriches and benefits the lives of others. YOU ARE STATE MISSIONS! God has blessed us to bless our convention through State Missions. In turn, State Missions will be blessed to become a blessing through us, to us, and others. My brothers and sisters, we are blessed to become blessings. We are recipients God's grace and generosity in order to become gracious and generous givers.

The biblical example of the Macedonians is a great model for kingdom ministry and stewardship. They weren't rich, but they were willing. God enhanced and empowered their willing spirit in a mighty way. As a result, God blessed them in order to be blessings for God. They were enriched by their willingness and generosity.

Please encourage your church, ministry, association, and community to support our convention, the objectives, and particularly State Missions. Remember, YOU ARE STATE MISSIONS! I am looking forward to seeing and hearing from you soon. "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." (Philippians 4:23, NKJV) ■

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THEME: *"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness..."* (II Corinthians 6:7)

Dr. Michael A. Johnson Celebrates 10th Pastoral Anniversary

Dr. Michael A. Johnson celebrated his 10th Pastoral Anniversary at the historic Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, La Grange, NC., June 2nd and 3rd. Dr. Johnson has served Ebenezer Baptist Church since June 1997 and is the 13th pastor in its history. Dr. Johnson also serves as Moderator of the Bear Creek Association and Secretary to the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention. He has been married to the former Wanda Simmons for 28 years and they have two daughters, Kamesha, who will graduate from East Carolina University in December with a degree in Special Education, and Kiahna, a rising Senior at Eastern Wayne High School in Goldsboro.

A Roast and Banquet was held in the church fellowship hall on June 2nd at 6:00 pm. Some of those roasting Dr. Johnson were 1st Vice Moderator Harold O. Warren, former 2nd Vice Moderator Johnny C. Sherrod, Associate Minister Robert E. Freeman, Pastor Jesse Garrett, and Pastor Larry Johnson, the Pastor's brother. Dr. Johnson was presented with gifts of love from the church, his family, and friends. A wonderful evening of food, fun, and fellowship was had by all in attendance.

On Sunday, June 3rd, at 4:00 pm, Dr. Howard Parker and the Sycamore Hill Baptist Church of Greenville, NC were the special guests. Dr. Parker poured from his heart a word of love and wisdom to both Dr. Johnson and the Ebenezer Church family.

The 10th Anniversary celebration was sponsored by the Pastoral Support Group of Ebenezer chaired by Mother Jennie Davis.

From the 3rd Vice President

By Dr. Ricky L. Banks,
3rd. Vice-President To GBSC

Scripture: Daniel 2:1-11
"Humanly Impossible Situations"



Rev. Ricky **Banks**

"We have done everything we can." The words echo in the ears of the family, as the doctor called them from the waiting room to his office. They knew that everything humanly possible was done. Only God could heal this man.

The wise men in King Nebuchadnezzar's land faced a humanly impossible situation. King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream that troubled him. He called for some of his wise men to explain what the dream meant. (Daniel 2:13.) The problem was that the king could not remember his dream. He ordered them to tell him both the dream and its meaning, threatening to kill them if they couldn't. They realized the task was impossible for them.

Sometimes we face situations where it is humanly impossible to solve a problem. We need to be wise enough to recognize that only God can solve some problems; we need to turn to Him for His solutions.

"SHAW UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL"

PLEASE NOTE: 24th Annual Women's Conference Friday and Saturday, September 20-21, 2007. Shaw University Bear Boosters Club's Trip to Birmingham, AL. to see the Shaw Bears play the Miles College Golden Bears, August 25-26 2007 for more information, visit the website at: http://www.shawboostersclub.com

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That will not tremble on the brink
Of any earthly woe;

That will not murmur nor complain
Beneath the chastning rod,
But in the hour of grief or pain
Will lean upon its God;

A faith that shines more bright and clear
When tempests rage without,
That, when in danger, knows no fear,
In darkness feels no doubt.

Lord, give me such a faith as this,
And then, what-e'er may come,
I'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss
Of an eternal home.
—William H. Havergal

Standing in faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, July 22nd –26th ,2007, let us go and meet in Winston-Salem for the Annual Session. As always let us pray for a great session to the glory of God.

REMINDERS

Among the events are:

1. A Communion Service on Sunday evening, July 22nd, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. (TBA);

2. * The Johnnie Blunt McLester Pre-Convention Banquet on Monday evening, July 23rd 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Benton Convention Center. You may secure tickets from the office of the Woman's Convention now. Tickets secured through the Office are $40.00 each. Tickets secured on site are $45.00 each. Please send to the Office now for tickets;

3. Youth Projects on Tuesday, July 24th, 2007;

4. The Young Adult Missions Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, July 24th, 2007 at 6:45 a.m. The advance donation is $17.00; at the door, $22.00. Space is limited. Please send to the Office for tickets now;

5. The Ministers' Wives and Widows Fellowship Luncheon on Tuesday, July 24th at 12:30 p.m. The advance donation is $17.00; at the door, $22.00. Space is limited. Please send to the Office for tickets now;

6. The Youth Prayer "Pizza Party" during the conventional week (time and place to be announced.) The advance donation is $9.00; at the door, $14.00. Space is limited. Please send to the Office for tickets;

7. Annual Address of President Daniels, along with report of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer Brodie, on Wednesday morning (July 25th). Advance donation for the President's Address is $5.00; on-site $6.00;

8. Joint Early Morning Prayer Hour for Seniors, Young Adults and Youth from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 24th through Thursday, July 26th ;

9. The Executive Board Monday, July 23rd at 10:00 A.M.,
The General Board Monday, July 23rd at 1:45 P.M.

"Standing In Faith"

By Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Executive Secretary Treasurer

When books are mailed, there will need to be an additional cost for postage; the
invoice will reflect the book cost and the additional cost of postage.

District Conference color code for July (Annual Session) will be the following:

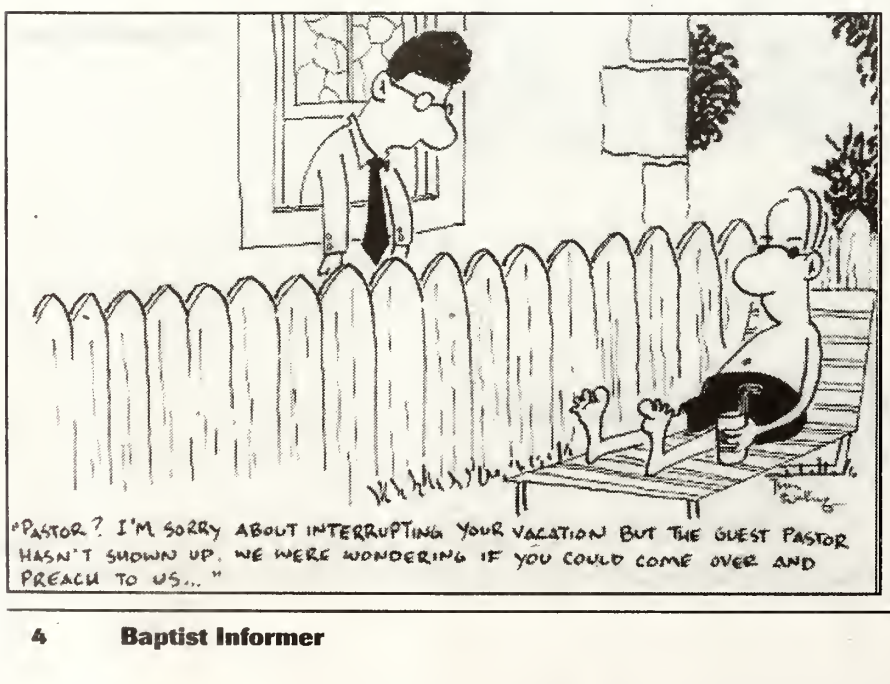
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The 2006-2007 Budget is in the amount $819,055.00, which will be distributed among the objectives: State Missions-$578,154.00, Foreign Missions $80,901.00, Shaw University-$49,500.00, Shaw Divinity School-$33,500.00, Central Children Home-$36,500.00 and Baptist Assembly-$40,500.00. Checks and money orders
should be made payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602. PLEASE send generous funds now in particular for State Missions. More than one half of funds sent, if designated, should be designated for State Missions, because of the ministries, staff, and operations cost. THANKS TO GOD AND TO YOU in advance for responding to this our great need in order to implement His mission effectively.



Dr. Priscilla **Brodie**

Pre-Representation and Pre-Registration fees should be sent to the office not later than July 16, 2007. Fee information and forms have been mailed to District Chairperson, Circle, Union and Auxiliary Presidents. Chairperson and Presidents, please contact the office if you have not received your Annual Session Pre-Registration information. ■



28th Annual Family Missions Conference

Saturday, September 22, 2006

9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

at

First Baptist Church, Chadbourn

Sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it:..."

~Psalm 127:1

FREE

Please get a copy of "THE FAMILY STUDY GUIDE" from the Christian Family Life Enrichment Ministry Committee At the Literature Table (Annual Session- July 22, 26-2007)

Each family is asked to participate in this adventure during August 2007.

(Families who complete the guide and return the for to the Office by the given date receive a certificate at the Family Mission Conference)

Grace and Peace: *Light And Momentary*

Bishop A.T. Griffey, III
GBSC Historian



Dr. A.T. **Griffey, III**

There is no more dramatic example of a Christ-changed life than the Apostle Paul. While on his way to Damascus to capture Christians and put them in jail, Jesus blinded Paul and asked: "Why do you persecute Me?" (Acts 9:4). When Paul asked who was speaking, Jesus replied: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do" (Acts 9:5-6).

Jesus identified Paul as "My chosen instrument to carry My name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel" (Acts 9:15). This special selection did not make Paul perfect, but he was gifted with a close relationship with Jesus as well as special insight into the true gospel message.

Paul suffered many hardships and trials during his years of ministry. His life was continually threatened; he was beaten many times, placed in prison for extended periods, and faced the frustration of ministering to people who failed to truly appreciate his message. And yet, Paul weighed his trials on the scale of eternity.

2 Corinthians 4:16-17

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all."

Paul had learned "the secret of being content in any and every situation" (Philippians 4:12). He found his troubles to become light and momentary as he viewed his life from an eternal perspective.

Our life must no longer be viewed with a beginning and an end, but truly as being eternal. Though our days on earth may sometimes be difficult, our days are very few. A hundred years is not even a visible speck on the canvas of eternity. And the weight of our burdens vanish to nothing when compared to the glory of Heaven. This is the eternal perspective.

God's peace and contentment requires us to expand our view to include an eternity we cannot see and a glory we may not understand. "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace" (John 16:33). His peace is available today; it's available in our relationships, our work, our finances, our health, and our ministry.

Let's allow the world to see our confidence in His promised eternal glory by the peace which fills our life. Let's live by the faith of an eternal perspective and be renewed as we rightly consider ALL our trials to be light and momentary. ■

The Landmark Group

FOR RELEASE JUNE 7, 2007
Dr. John H. Grant
Pastor, Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Asheville, NC

$20 million project planned for historic rehab and new construction in The Block; Project would include retail space and New York-style lofts with 'magnificent views'

ASHEVILLE—Mount Zion Community Development, Inc. and The Landmark Group of Winston-Salem have announced plans for 58 loft condominiums and retail space on the property owned by Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church just west of the church in downtown Asheville.

The $20 million development calls for renovating three historic buildings and building three others on a hillcrest site that would give residents of the New York-style lofts magnificent views, particularly of Beaucatcher Mountain and the downtown skyline.

Property owners and neighbors in the South Pack Square Planning Area were invited to a meeting on June 7 at which the development team unveiled preliminary plans for the project that brings renewed residential and economic life to the former foundry site.



Dr. John H. **Grant**

Preliminary plans call for 41 one-bedroom and 17 two-bedroom condos starting in the $180,000 range plus four retail/commercial spaces. Three of the buildings would feature interior parking, with additional exterior parking in the courtyard and along former South Spruce Street.

"We think this is a good plan," said the Rev. John H. Grant, pastor of Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church. "It's time for us to act and make something happen."

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church (www. mtzionasheville.org) has served the Asheville community for 127 years and has owned the property since the 1990s. The Landmark Group (www.landmarkdevelopment.biz) has won national awards for historic preservation and adaptive reuse projects. It has worked with closely with community interests in developing more than $350 million in projects in seven states. ■

Dr. Leonzo D. Lynch
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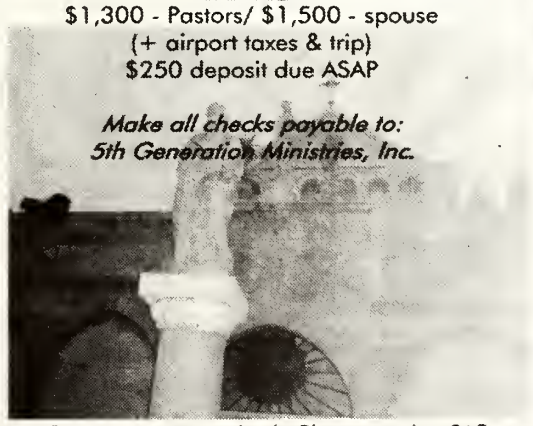
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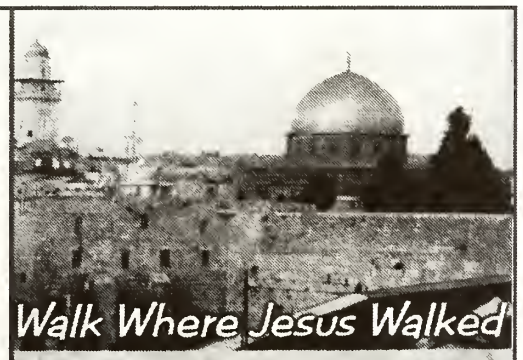
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Garden Tomb

Louisiana state legislator Derrick Shepherd (D-Jefferson Parish) proposed House Bill 1626: "Baggy Pants Bill"

Mrs. Portia H. Brandon, M. Div.
Christian Education Coordinator/
Managing Editor

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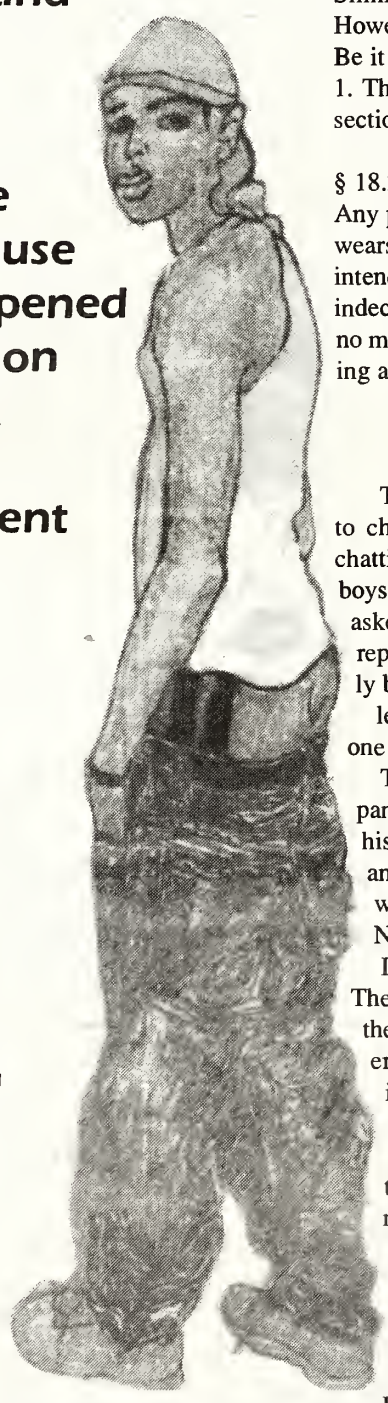
FACTS:

Young men were molested by older and stronger Inmates.

They became suicidal because of what happened to them. Prison officials took away their belts to prevent them from hanging.

That ended up being a symbol that the young man was actually somene's GIRLFRIEND!

This style began in PRISON!



This is not cool! It's a disgrace! Sagging is "Not Cool!" It is unacceptable to girls, women and ladies!

Louisiana state legislator Derrick Shepherd (D-Jefferson Parish) proposed House Bill 1626:

R.S. 14:106.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

"106.3. Illegally wearing pants below waist in public; penalty
A. It shall be unlawful for any person to appear in public wearing his pants below his waist and thereby exposing his skin or intimate clothing.
B. Whoever violates the provisions of this Section shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months, or both.

Similarly in 2005, Virginia state legislator Algie Howell (D-Norfolk) proposed House Bill 1981:
Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:
1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 18.2-387.1 as follows:

§ 18.2-387.1. Indecent display of underwear.
Any person who, while in a public place, intentionally wears and displays his below-waist undergarments, intended to cover a person's intimate parts, in a lewd or indecent manner, shall be subject to a civil penalty of no more than $50. "Intimate parts" has the same meaning as in § 18.2-67.10.

Stop Saggin'

The other day, a friend came to my dorm room just to chat while her laundry was drying. As we were chatting, two young freshmen came by. One of the boys wanted to "talk" to my friend (as in date). She asked him how old they were, and both of the boys replied 18. My friend and I both laughed hysterically because we are both 22 years old. After my friend left, the young men were still hanging around and one wanted to know how he could gain her interest.

The first thing I told him to do was to pull up his pants. He asked why, and then said he liked saggin' his pants. I told him to come over to my computer and spell the word saggin'. Then I told him to write the word saggin' backwards. S-A-G-G-I-N—N-I-G-G-A-S.

I told him the origin of that look was from prison. The reason their pants looked like that was because they were not allowed to have belts because prisoners were likely to try to commit suicide. And also if their pants were saggin under their butts that meant the man was available for sex!!!

We as young Black people have to be the ones to effect change. We are dying. The media has made a mockery of the Black American. Even our brothers and sisters from Africa don't take us seriously. Something as simple as pulling up your pants and standing with your head high could make the biggest difference in the world's perception of us.

It is time to do right by ourselves. We need to love and embrace each other. No one is going to do it for us. It all comes down to perception. What people perceive is what is reality to them. We have to change not only the media's perception of us, but we need to change our perception of ourselves. Remember all eyes are on you Black Man. All eyes are on you Black Woman. All eyes are on you Black Child. People are waiting for us to mess up.



Portia H. **Brandon**

We have let not only the media, but the government and the world taint the pure essence of us. They have stripped our culture down to the point where we only believe we can become rappers and athletes. We are so much more!

To all my Black Men:

It's time to stand up. There are billions of Black Women who want to do nothing more than worship the ground that you walk on. We are so in love with your potential. We want to have you back, we want to love, support and cherish every ounce of your being. But with that you have to show that you are willing to be the head of our households. You have to prove yourselves worthy of our submission. We need you to be hard working...Not a hustler. We need you to seek higher education, to seek spirituality. We need you to stand! And trust us; we will have you back.

We know that it gets hard, we know you get weary. Trust and believe that there is nothing that a Black woman and a Black man can't handle with God on their side.

To all my Black Women:

It is also time for us to stand up. It is time for us to stop using our bodies as our primary form of communication. It is time to be that virtuous woman that Proverbs spoke of. We can not sit by the wayside while our men are dying by the masses. We are the epitome of Black love. It starts within us. We need to speak with conviction to let not only our Black men know, but the world know that we are the mothers of this world. We are so powerful. We are so beautiful. We need to love and embrace every blessing god has given us physically, emotionally and spiritually.

For all my Black Children:

We need to love them. We need to teach them. We need to stand up for them. We need to protect them. We need to show them that there are no "get rich quick" schemes. We need to tell them that they WILL die trying if they submit to a life of crime and deceit. We need to teach our children that no one will love them the way we can. And being a basketball player, a rapper, or a drug dealer is not reality. It's not realistic and only a small percentage of people ever make it as a rapper or professional athlete.

We need to teach our children that we can be more than rappers and athletes. We can be the owners of those sports teams; we can be the CEO's of our fortune 500 companies. We need to believe in literacy. I am almost certain if we were to look back to the 1930's and 40's, the literacy rates for Black American children are probably still the same.

OK...I am stepping off of my soap box now. Pull Up Your Pants!!

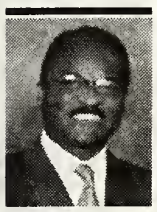
Love and Prayers Always
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Laymen's League

Theodore David, President

Greetings Fellow Laymen and Laymen Supporters


Theodore **David**

God has truly blessed the Laymen during the past year and we are truly grateful for His blessings as well as the participation and support of the GBSC-NC Leadership, Moderators, Pastors, fellow Laymen and all Laymen supporters throughout the State of North Carolina. The new Laymen's Leadership Team has almost completed our first year of administration and leadership since last year's elections and would like to again reiterate our commitment to this stewardship, and our appreciation towards each of you for entrusting us and selecting us for what is a great task.

One that can be satisfactorily executed only if we ourselves remain faithful and continue seeking the help, guidance, and wisdom which only comes from above.

Apostle Paul, though highly credentialed, recognized his human and spiritual weaknesses and frailties both without and within. But Paul, at the same time, also recognized that God's grace was sufficient to strengthened him for any internal or external spiritual challenge or assignment. His proclamations that "I can do all things through Christ" and "Nothing shall separate us from the the love of God" reveal his steadfast belief in the sufficiency of God and His grace. Paul also gives encouragement to follow him as he follows Christ.

Please continue praying for us who, as Paul did, also recognize our human insufficiencies in the face of our own internal and external spiritual challenges, Christian beliefs and responsibilities, moral and ethical resolve, and the belief that we should not take lightly or abuse, but be responsible stewards of all (assets, people, vision, and souls) with which God has entrusted us.

All Christians have a responsibility to either fulfill the "Great Commission" or help and support others who are doing so and God is not pleased if we become neither effective nor efficient in His ministries.

I would like to take this opportunity to emphasize some very important dates on the NC State Laymen's calendar during the new few months.

First of all, the Laymen's Men and Boy's Retreat is scheduled for July 13-14, 2007 at the JJ Johnson Baptist Assembly located in Laurel Hill, NC. The registration fee is $30.00. We encourage the Laymen to bring boys to this event which will include a basketball competition.

Secondly, we encourage your attendance at our Laymen's Annual Session scheduled to occur on July 23, 2007 in Winston Salem, NC. Location to be determined. The Ushers and Christian Education Auxiliaries will also be meeting on the same date and location. The President of the Lott Carey Laymen, Deacon Calvin Martin, will be the featured speaker during the 12:30pm luncheon on that same date and we'll be recognizing an outstanding Laymen, outstanding Laymen Leagues, and a NC Layman's King for 2007. It promises to be an interesting and enjoyable occasion. A high level outline of the Laymen's Program for that day is as follows:

- 8am-9am - Registration
- 9am-10am – Joint Auxiliary Session with GBSCNC President G. K. Moss
- 10am-12:15pm – Laymen's Annual Session
- 12:30pm - Luncheon Banquet and break
- 3:30pm – Youth Laymen's Hour

Thirdly, you're encouraged to submit registrations for the SE Regional Walter Cade Workshop to be held in Palatka Florida the weekend of September 28-30, 2007. The Laymen are planning on increasing our attendance at this annual event which has proven to be a very good source of Christian learning, fellowship, and motivation for everyone who attends. We would like to see you in Palatka. ■

Usher's Convention

Ms. Helen M. Thompson, President

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July 23, 2007
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"THAT'S A CLOWN ANGEL. HE HELPS PEOPLE WHO NEED TO LAUGH MORE. HE WORKS MOSTLY WITH MINISTER'S WIVES, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS,

2007 Trinity Session

Ms. Lula Gainey, President
Congress of Christian Education

"Convincing The Unconvinced to be Convinced . . . Through Education, Missions and Fellowship"

– Matthew 28:19-20

Greetings My General Baptist Family:

By the time you read this Article, we should be in the midst of our "2007" Oratorical Conference, please pray for our Youth and Adults who will share these adventures and build relationships that will endure the test of time. If you cannot support these efforts physically; yes your prayers and dollars ($400.00) Congress Quota are needed that our Children will participate in enriching programs that will give them character to face each tomorrow.

In the midst of your Summer Planning, please mark Monday, July 23, 2007 on your calendar and plan to meet us in Winston Salem for our Annual Congress Session.

We are in the process of planning a very innovative and rewarding program that will stimulate your Mind, Body & Soul as we come together with our Laymen, and Ushers Convention, in the SPIRIT OF "TRINITY" – "WE ARE ONE"!

We will continue our Certification Classes through Shaw Divinity School:

- Biblical Studies
- Church Administration
- Old & New Testament Studies
- Local Congress Leadership (Directors of Christian Education, Sunday School Superintendents, BTU/CTU Presidents)
- The Role of the Teacher & Student.

Also we will share jointly in our "2007" Congress Seminar, Laymen's Luncheon, Presidential Reflections and conclude the day with DIVINE WORSHIP. ■

In Loving



TYNDALL **The Rev. Seal E. Tyndall** of 3845 Northampton Drive, Winston-Salem, passed away Thursday morning, May 31, 2007. He was born Feb. 22, 1931, in Lumberton to Allen and Julia Tyndall. The Rev. Tyndall received his elementary education in the Lumberton school system. As a young man, he moved to Winston-Salem, where he completed his secondary education at Carver High School. After serving in the Korean Conflict, he returned to Winston-Salem and attended Winston-Salem State University, Piedmont Bible College and Winston-Salem Bible College where he is an alumnus. After 38 years of service, he retired from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. The Rev. Tyndall began his pastorate at Friendship Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, in 1962. He retired after 43 years of service and in 2005, he became the co-pastor and founder of Redeemed Missionary Baptist Church, located in the Boston-Thurman Street area. Tyndall Street was named by the City of Winston-Salem, in his honor. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Enoch, Eli, David and James; and a sister, Cleo. Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Edwards Tyndall of the home; a daughter, Eleanor Tyndall-Jackson, and son-in-law Hezekiah Jackson of Walkertown; two grandchildren, Stephen Tyndall-Jackson and Kiah Renee Jackson; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, church family and friends. The funeral was conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday, June 7, at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, with the Rev. Samuel J. Cornelius officiating and the Rev. Gary Walker of Redeemed Missionary Baptist Church as eulogist

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But when tomorrow stars without
that an Angel came and called my
hand, and said my place was ready
and that I'd have to leave behind,
So when tomorrow starts without m
for every time you think of me I'm

Betty H. Simpson

Betty H. Simpson, 66, of 3740 Walker Road, Linden, died Sunday, June 3, 2007.

Mrs. Simpson was the widow of the Rev. Lacy E. Simpson. She was a former teacher at Johnston Community College in Smithfield.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, 2007, at the Cape Fear Conference "A" Headquarters, 25 Beaver Road, Erwin.

Surviving are a son, the Rev. Lacy E. Simpson Jr. of Clayton; three sisters, Mary Dean of Sanford and Dorothy Waller and Lovern Small, both of Fayetteville; and two grandchildren.

Memory

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(Author, David M. Romano)

Apex Woman Suffers Aneurysm One Day Before Husband Returns From War



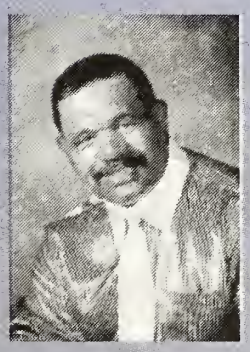
June 4, 2007 - Barbara Dunston waited for her husband to come home from Iraq. When she got the news that he was on his way, she was "over the moon," according to her sister, Rose Gillard. So on Sunday morning – at the New Providence Missionary Baptist Church, Fuquay, N. C., (Rev. Nathaniel J. Wood, Pastor) where she spent much of her time mentoring young people – Barbara told the congregation the good news. Her husband was in Wisconsin on the last leg of his trip and would be returning home the next day. But before the church service ended, something went terribly wrong. Barbara, 56, collapsed and suffered a brain aneurysm. Doctors kept her alive so her husband could say goodbye when he returned home the next day.

"We were just trying to hold on until my father could get home," Alteric Dunston, her son, said Thursday.

Barbara and Clarence Dunston were married for 35 years. He was a reservist, and every week she sent care packages to the Middle East not just to her husband, but to his whole unit. Barbara received dozens of e-mails thanking her for the little things she did to make soldiers feel closer to home.

"Everything that she did ... everything that she did, somehow indirectly helped someone else," Alteric Dunston said. Barbara Dunston was an organ donor, and her organs have already helped several people in need of transplants, the family said.

Reverend Ernest Battle Sr.



Reverend Ernest Battle Sr. was born to the late James and Geneva Battle in Edgecombe County on March 15, 1953. He departed this earthly life on June 4, 2007. He was the pastor of Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church in Pinetops for 20 years and former pastor of South Street Baptist Church in Littleton. Upon his calling into the ministry, he furthered his education at Virginia Union and Liberty University. Rev. Battle's mission in life was to learn as much about the gospel and share it with others. It was no secret of his desire that everyone be saved. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Dianne; daughter, Geberta; three sons, Zonte, Brian (Yolanda) and Ernest Jr.; nine grandchildren, Jessica, Zonte Jr., Zion, Joshua, A'Zonte, Sha'qua', Shecura, Bryan Jr. and Gabrielle; five sisters, Ida Guy, Wanda B. Avent (Max), Barbara B. Gorham (J.R.), Brenda B. Addison and Lorene B. Hudson (Eric); four brothers, Tommy Battle (Sabrina), Clinton Johnson, Larry Battle and Stoney Battle; three aunts; two uncles; four brother in-laws; five sister in-laws; many nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services was held at The New Morning Star Church of Christ at 225 S. Glendale Ave., Rocky Mount Sunday, June 10th at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made to the Rev. Ernest Battle Memorial Fund at any RBC Centura Bank

Raleigh Missionary Union sponsors Annual Bible Bowl

By Shirley W. Bullock

The Raleigh City Missionary Union held its annual Bible Bowl recently for youth and adults. The Bible Bowl is sponsored annually to encourage in-depth study of the Holy Bible. The 2007 Bowl was held at the Christian Faith Baptist Church with participants from member churches competing with two member teams. This year's study was from the Gospel of Saint John.

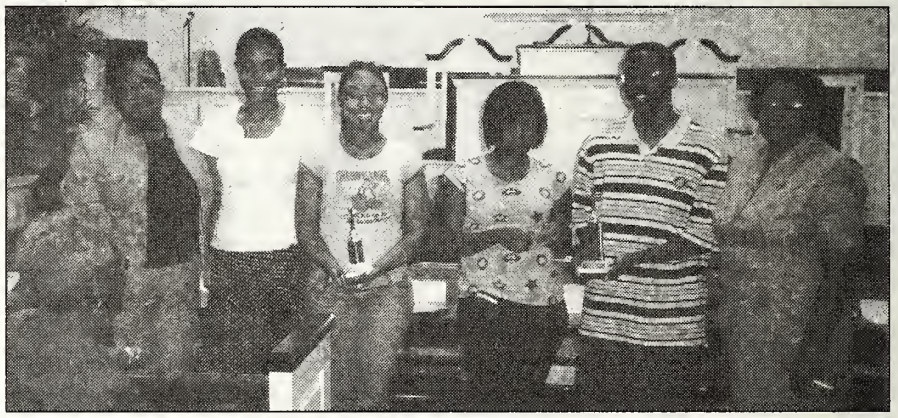
The winners in the Youth Division were: First Place: Faith Missionary Baptist Church Youth Team—Nicholas Adams, a rising senior at Southeast Raleigh High School and Angela Quiller, a rising senior at Enloe High School. Second Place: Martin Street Baptist Church Youth Team—Courtney Young, a rising sophomore at Southeast Raleigh High School and Alexis Davis, a rising junior at Southeast Raleigh High School

In the Adult Division, four teams tied for first place. They were Martin Street Baptist Church Team—Reverend Annette Sanders and Mr. Gerald Wright; Christian Faith Baptist Church Team—Ms. Frances Teasley and Ms. Shownette Richardson; First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church Team—Ms. Juanita Ratliff and Ms. Dorothy Lee; and Faith Missionary Baptist Church Team— Ms. Franneka Watson and Ms. Brinder Quiller.

Trophies were awarded to each winning team. The Bible Bowl coordinators were Dr. Shirley W. Bullock, Reverend Eleanor Kemp and Mrs. Velma J. Bullock. Mrs. Barbara Harrison is president of the Raleigh City Missionary Union.



Adult Winners



Youth Winners

Children Church

My Contract

Name_____

Draw a smiley face in the circles next to ways that tell how to be kind. Draw a frowny face in the cirles next to ways that do not tell how to be kind.





1. Take Care of someone who is sick.
2. Ignore someone in need.
3. Lend a helping hand.
4. Give a hug to a sad person
5. Hurt someone on purpose.
6. Help your teacher.
7. Surprise your mom with a gift.
8. Take good care of your pet.
9. Call someone a bad name.
10. Bring your Dad the mail.



If you want to make a commitment to be kind, copy the sentence below. Then sign your name and write the date!

I PROMISE TO DO MY BEST TO BE KIND. _____

_____ Signed_____



Date_____

Business in the Church: Entrepreneuship from a Christian Viewpoint

By Dexter Vincent Perry
Sr. Wealth Planner

Individual entrepreneurs and their businesses are extremely meaningful in the work of the Lord, when performed with Christian values and from a Christian viewpoint. Entrepreneurship has a positive effect on God's Kingdom and can be seen from three different viewpoints.

1st Viewpoint: "Look at the Person"

1. Faith: Being an entrepreneur means dealing with uncertainty. Many things are out of our control. Christian business owners must acknowledge God, and depend upon him for their prosperity and protection. Faith is exercised on a daily basis. The owner knows that all things are possible through Christ that strengthens him.

2. Christian Ethics: A Christian entrepreneur demonstrates Christian Ethics, which is the application of Christian values to the business decision making process. The clearest example of this is the use of The Golden Rule—"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Christian entrepreneurs know that the steps of a righteous man and woman are ordered by the Lord. Therefore, he and she are kind to those in their employ; they treat their clients, customers, partners, and suppliers with dignity, respect, compassion, fairness and with brotherly love. This leads to the creation of a good name and reputation in the community.

3. Reputation: The Christian entrepreneur understands that a good name is more valuable than silver and gold. God's favor induces men and women to give business opportunities to the Christian business owner because they can depend on him or her to treat them fairly and to be honest and trustworthy in their dealings.

2nd Viewpoint: "Look at the Business"

1. Service: The product, good or service of a Christian entrepreneur speaks to his "calling" in the business world. His business offers something that helps or assists his fellow man in facing life's challenges.

2. Wealth: The Christian entrepreneur recognizes that a business is a vehicle to acquire wealth. He understands that money is a tool to break the chains of economic bondage. Once financially free, he automatically helps others to get free. His obedience to God with his tithes and offerings enables God's Kingdom to strengthen its mission and ability to reach out to those in need. The resources are there to accomplish this mandate.

3rd Viewpoint: "Look at the Kingdom of God"

1. Growth: The Kingdom of God is the sole beneficiary to all that is done by the Christian entrepreneur. In the final analysis, the goal is to expand and grow the Kingdom of God here on earth. A business owner can create jobs, strengthen the community and serve families in need. The Christian entrepreneur attracts others to Christ by demonstrating Christian values and walking up right in the world and leading by example. His life is honorable and pleasing to God.

2. Charity: Upon death, the Christian entrepreneur leaves an endowment and a living legacy to the ministry. He is sure to prepare documents that guarantee the transfer of all of God's wealth that was under his care, to the ministry. This act enables the good work of his life to continue in perpetuity.

The local church is a place of refuge and learning, where one can be encouraged to use their talents and business skills for the betterment of God's Kingdom. The local church represents a safe environment in which one can dare to be creative and in tune with the Lord. The Bible gives us a foundation for the Christian Entrepreneur's View in I Chronicles 29:10-17 where it states,

"...O Lord God of our father Israel, praise your name for ever and ever! Yours is the mighty power and glory and victory and majesty. Everything in the heavens and earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as being in control of everything. Riches and honor come from you alone, and you are the Ruler of all mankind; your hand controls power and might, and it is at your discretion that men are made great and given strength. O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name, but who am I and who are my people that we should be permitted to give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we only give you what is yours already! For we are here for but a moment, strangers in the land as our fathers were before us, our days on earth are like a shadow, gone too soon, without a trace. O Lord our God, all of this material that we have gathered to build a temple for your holy name comes from you! It all belongs to you! I know, my God, that you test men to see if they are good; for you enjoy good men. I have done all this with good motives, and I have watched your people offer their gifts willingly and joyously."



Mr. Dexter **Perry**

I thank God for the talents he has blessed me with, and I thank God for all of you who have placed your trust in our firm, The Providence Group of North Carolina. We invite you to speak to us concerning you investment, life insurance, financial planning, and church loan needs. Give us a call at 919-858-7817 or visit us at www.ProvidenceGroupNC.com or www.BaptistLifeNC.org to learn more about us. We are proud supporters of the Campaign 750 and contribute monthly, we challenge and encourage all business owners and entrepreneurs to join us in the effort and begin putting some fuel in the engine of our great Convention. May God continue to richly bless you all. ■

THE GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

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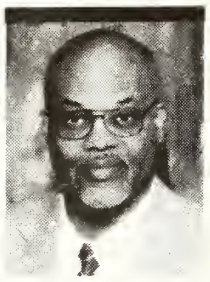
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Overcoming Evil With Good By "Supporting Aim's Major Objectives"

Reverend Michael R. Smith, Sr., Chairman, GBSC Anti-Crime & Incarceration Ministry



Michael R. **Smith**

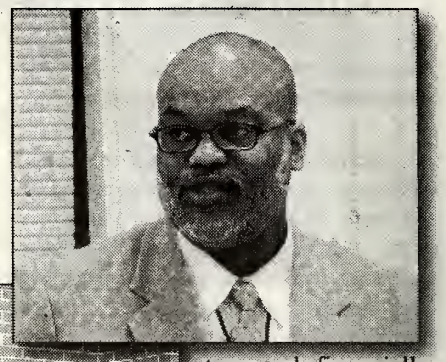
I believe what God starts He will provide both human and financial resources. The **Anti-Crime & Incarceration Ministry (AIM)** has laid out five major objectives which need your support. They are: (1) At-Risk Youth Ministry, (2) In-Prison Ministry, (3) Aftercare Ministry, (4) Victim of Crime Ministry, and (5) Intercessory Prayer Ministry. These five objectives need both your human and financial support. Over the past two months I have placed an AIM Commitment form in the Baptist Informer. This form is our attempt to recruit human resources to volunteer to serve in our cause. Secondly, I want to announce our plans for building financial support. Vice Chairman Melvin Solomon and I are calling for **2500 persons** in our Convention to **give $25.00** for the AIM objectives. If every person who is led to support the AIM objectives would give this small amount each year, the AIM budget would be able to meet our objectives and be a blessing in so many other ways. Therefore, AIM is seeking to recruit volunteers and financial resources as we prepare to move into a new fiscal year. Your support will be a large part of facilitating our growing plans and events being scheduled for 2008. Our plans include the GBSC statewide Anti-Crime & Incarceration Conference, Local Prayer and Strategy Forums, and Strategic Training workshops for GBSC associations.





AIM needs your support as never before as we tackle the major social crisis of our nation.

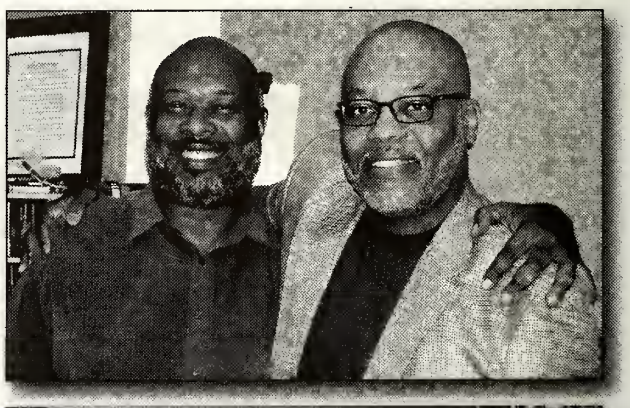
If you want to be a **volunteer** just fill out the AIM Commitment form and return to the GBSC headquarters. All **financial support** should be sent directly to GBSC Headquarters and **designat**



ed for "**GBSC Prison Ministry**". Please ensure your checks and money orders are designated to the "GBSC Prison Ministry". I exhort you to make the commitment to give at least **$25.00 dollars** a year to AIM's efforts to reach, reconcile, and restore human lives. Please feel free to give more if led of the Holy Spirit.

As you know the crime and incarceration crisis is impacting our families and communities in devastating ways. The long term consequences of this crisis are frightening and should be major concern for every GBSC church in our convention. Show your concern by volunteering or giving financially to our objectives.

Vice Chairman Solomon leads the **Transition and Aftercare Network (TAN)** for the N.C. Department of Corrections. As African American leaders in this area of ministry, it is our prayer you will hear our cries for support and respond as a volunteer or financially. The new fiscal year begins on September 1st, so let us know we can count on you as a volunteer and financially by giving $25.00 to support our objectives in the new fiscal year. Lastly, I want you to go to my website at www.crossofchristdm.org and read more about our efforts to overcome evil with good. Join us on this battlefield for the souls in our prisons. This social crisis can only be impacted as we come together as a coalition.





The GBSC Anti-Crime & Incarceration Ministry needs our churches to get involved now!

(FILL OUT OUR AIM COMMITMENT FORM AND RETURN TO HEADQUARTERS)

GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF N. C.

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COMMITMENT FORM

NAME _____
First Middle Initial Last

Your Title (Pastor, Associate Minister, Deacon, Chaplain, Other)

Name of Local Church and Association / Organization

MAILING ADDRESS _____
Number & Street / Apt. #

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Email Address

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(At-Risk Youth Ministry, In-Prison Ministry, Aftercare Ministry, Victims of Crime Ministry, Prayer Ministry)
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SPIRITUAL LEADER

St John Missionary Baptist Church, located in the Epworth Community of Vanceboro, NC seeks a spiritual leader. Here are some of the characteristics we are looking for in spirit-led leader.

The candidate must

- Exert confident leadership as well as accept responsibilities in the broad field of education.
- Facilitate unity within the organization.
- Implement policies fairly and consistently.
- Conceptualize a broad spectrum of educations precepts, generalization, dispositions, and points of view.
- Demonstrate competence as a consumer of current resources
- Implement effective change processes when needed.
- Transmit a personal vision
- Respect individual needs and abilities
- Empower co-workers by articulating the difference between management and leadership in terms of the differences in the way the followers are managed or the way they are motivated.
- Demonstrate critical thinking, problem solving, and decision-making skills.

Interested candidates are asked to send a resume or letter of intent to:

Search Committee
PO Box 664
Vanceboro, NC 28586
Attn: Stan Adams or
Email it to: manonestan@aol.com

Minister of Music

Union Missionary Baptist Church is seeking a Minister of Music. The applicant should possess a passion for God, his word, and people.

Basic Requirements:

- **Born again Christian spirit-filled and gifted in music.**
- **Experience in working with choirs.**
- **Teach music and conduct workshops.**
- **Rehearses with all choirs of the church once a week**
- **Accompany the pastor, and choir on engagement to other churches.**
- **Select appropriate hymns and songs foe worship services.**
- **Available for all Sunday worship services.**

Interest persons should send a letter of interest and resume to:

Union Missionary Baptist Church
Attention Pastor & Deacons
5090 Richlands Highway
Jacksonville, NC 28540

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. Effective in planning and leading worship(has a vision for the growth of the church.
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. Supportive of the various associations of the church.
. Have a knowledge of Baptist Doctrine.

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Mt Carmel Missionary Baptist Church
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Mail resume to:
Mrs. Magalene Gaither
Shiloh Baptist Church
P.C. Box t88
Mocksville, NC 27028

New Ahoskie Baptist Church is currently accepting applications for the position of Pastor.
New Ahoskie Baptist Church is a member of the West Roanoke Baptist Association.

The qualifications for a pastor adopted by the Committee are:

a) A person who is led by the Spirit of God in all matters and performs pastoral duties according to the scriptures and the needs of the church.
b) A person who is ordained and licensed with strong knowledge of the Missionary Baptist doctrines, policies and practices.
c) A person who is able to conduct worship services on a full time basis.
d) A person who has acquired a Seminary degree from an accredited school or equivalent education preferred.
e) A person who has the ability to teach God's word and carry out administrative, leadership and counseling duties.
f) A person who has the ability to communicate and work with all age levels.
g) A person who will participate in outreach ministries (including youth and senior ministries).
h) A person who is family and community oriented,
A person who is a good role model of moral and ethical conduct,
j) A person who supports church functions including teaching and attending Sunday school, Bible study, and prayer meetings, and one who visits the sick and shut-ins,
k) A person who has a vision for the spiritual, intellectual and financial growth of the church.

Along with a resume, a potential candidate must provide:
a) Two professional references including name, address and telephone number of the referents.
b) Name, address, and telephone number of previous or current church affiliation, including the pastor's name, if applicable.
c) Proof of religious credentials (license/ordination).
d) Proof of degree for confirmation or transcript of completed courses if degree has not been conferred.
e) A mission statement for the church.

This list is not inclusive, but serves as a snapshot of what is expected of a pastor as New Ahoskie Baptist Church continues as a church that will serve all of God's children. *If you feel God is leading you to this call, please submit a resume' and supporting documentation to:*

Deacon Charles McCullough, Chairman
Pastor Search Committee
New Ahoskie Baptist Church
PO Box 371
Ahoskie, NC 27910

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Mark 6:31.

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It allows to for many opportunities to commune with one another, whether it be weddings, family reunion, seminars, or banquets.

J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly is a tract of land of seventy-five or more acres, much of which is covered with a mixture of North Carolina pine, red and white oak trees.

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Attn: Personnel Committee
6675 Tabor Church Road
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Sister Frances McDougaid
Music Chairperson
504 West 2nd Street
Lumberton, NC 28258

Frequently Asked Questions About Campaign 750



Dr. Haywood T. **Gray**
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

1. **What is *Campaign 750*?** Campaign 750 Churches agree to give $100.00 each month designated for State Missions. The second part of the Campaign is to identify three (3) persons in each of the 750 Churches who will give $10.00 each month designated for State Missions.

2. **Does my Church have to give every month?** Yes. In order for the Campaign to be successful and the necessary funds raised, each Church that enrolls will be expected to contribute each month.

3. **When are funds due?** *Campaign 750* funds are due by the **tenth day of each month**. Pelase be sure that your financial staff mails your check in sufficient gime to be received at the Baptist Headquarters by the tenth day of each month.

4. **Does our Church need a special form?** No. All your Church needs to do is to make a note on the check for *Campaign 750* and the proper accounting of your funds will be noted.

5. **May we send our contributions for missions and objectives in the same check as *Campagn 750?*** PLEASE DO NOT. Please send a separate check for *Campaign 750*. Your funds will be deposited into a restricted account separate from the account where other monies are deposited.

6. **Can my Church pay up ahead of time?** If your Church wishes to send its funds in advance (for example, $300.00 for a quarter), it may do so. However, Churches are encourages to send the funds monthly.

7. **Why is it so important to send the funds monthly?** By sending funds monthly, we are much better able to budget for the Convention's expenses. We can project what we will receive each month and plan to pay the Convention's bills which are received each month.

8. **May a Church send more than $100.00 a month?** Most certainly. The $100.00 is the minimum amount requested. This amounts to $15.00 a Sunday for those Churches with services every Sunday. (It's only $12.50 a service if your Church has two services on Sunday.) Some Churches wil decide to send more when thinking of their resources and blessings.

9. **What about our Church's contributions to the other objectives?** Your Church is still expected to contribute regularly to support the objectives of the Convention. The *Campaign 750* donation is above and beyond what your Church is currently sending. If your Church is not supporting the Convention, *Campaign 750* gives your Church a good starting point.

10. **How should we find individuals in our Church to contribute?** Whatever method you use is fine. You may solicit three people to give for an entire year. You may solicit three different people each month.

11. **How should the funds collected from individuals be sent in?** Our preferene would be that the Church collect the funds and send them along with the Church's funds once a month. However, if the individuals choose to send their contributions dirèctly to us, please be sure theat they indicate *Campaign 750* on their check as well as give the name of your Church.

12. **What will be done with the funds when we send them in?** *Campaign 750* funds will be deposited directly into a restricted account. As the Convention has needs to use the funds sent, money will be transferred from the restricted account. By handling the funds this way, the Headquarters will be best able to account for all contributions received.

13. **What will the funds be used for?** First, the funds will be drawn upon to pay for OPERATIONS expenses. Secondly, the funds will be drawn upon to pay for PROGRAMMING expenses. Finally, the funds will be drawn upon to pay for CONVENTION DEBT TO VENDORS.

14. **How long will it take ot pay off the Convention's debt?** Along with other strategies to retire our debt, it is estimated that the Convention's debt could be settled in twenty-seven (27) months if *Campaign 750* is fully implemented.

15. **What will happen once the debt to vendors is paid?** The Convention will then apply funds from *Campaign 750* to pay funds due to the objectives from previous fiscal years.

16. **What happens once the funds due to objectives is paid?** Once the Convention has all of its debt obligations (both to vendors and to the objectives), the funds from *Campaign 750* will be used to expand the Convention's programming and services.

17. **Will we stop enrolling Churches once 750 have enrolled?** Certainly not. We would like to see every General Baptist Church participate. 750 is a goal to work toward. We hope to exceed this goal.

18. **Could an Association or an Association Auxiliary enroll?** Yes. We would welcome the support from local Associations or Auxiliaries of Associations.

19. **What if our Church loses track of our contributions?** Not a problem. You will receive a receipt and the Baptist Headquarters will be able to provide a statement of your contributions upon request.

20. **Can our Church designate where we want *Campaign 750* funds applied?** No. If you wish to make a contribution for a certain reason, pelase do not label your funds *Campaign 750*. Funds for *Campaign 750* will be used according to the greates imeediate need: either operations, programming, or debt reduction. You may always send a designated contribution which will be applied according to yoru instructions.

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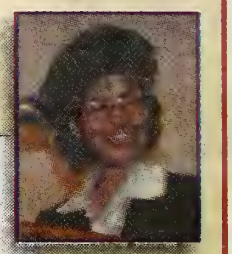
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"To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced...through Education, Missions and Fellowship," Matthew 28:19-20

By Reverend Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr.
President GBSC



Rev. Dr. Gregory K. **Moss, Sr.**

Greetings to you my beloved General Baptist family.

By the time of this publication, we will have concluded the Woman's Auxiliary annual session in Winston-Salem. We pray you were encouraged to move to higher levels of ministry and gained more knowledge that can and will be applied in local ministries. The fellowship and camaraderie is always rich and is one of the outstanding features of the annual sessions. Year after year, many return to the sessions renewing friendships that transcend decades.

This year the Layman, the Congress and the Ushers agreed to meet in a "unity" session. Heretofore they met in "Trinity" session. In Trinity session, each of the forenamed auxiliaries would meet in annual session in a week prior to that of the Woman's Convention session. The session would meet three consecutive days with each auxiliary meeting on one of the successive days. In an effort to maximize resources, space and time, the Unity Session was created. In this session, each auxiliary met on the same day in the same location with opportunity to interact with each other where and when possible. Each were provided ample time and space for their normal sessions. The session was planned for Monday during the Woman's Convention, thus bringing the GBSC family in the same city during the same week. The Laymen, Congress and Ushers were encouraged to support the Woman's Convention's efforts while meeting in Winston. We are indebted to auxiliary presidents Theodore David, Lula Gainy and Helen Thompson for their leap of faith, vision and cooperation to bring the Unity Session to reality. And we look forward to partnering with Woman's president Bronnie Daniels in future endeavors. Also special thanks to the St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church family for hosting the session.

Let us be mindful of the new and increasing challenges we face in preparing for and doing ministry in a constantly changing and evolving landscape. To be relative and attractive to an emerging generation of leaders, disciples and potential disciples, we must commit to critical evaluation of the way we do what we do. It will require a willingness of the part of our GBSC family to adjust our methods when and if necessary. We will also take special care to address and attend to the needs of our "sainted seniors" upon whose backs and energies we made great strides in the Lord's work.

In the coming months, convention leadership including auxiliary officers will enter into discussions to develop action plans for our future work. It should prove an exciting time in the life off our convention. Don't let anyone fool you; we have a viable, important role to play in this season of challenge and change. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, the General Baptist ship has aided and landed many a thousand, and by the hand of God, she will land many more.

Beginning the second Sunday in August, Lott Carey will convene in annual session in New Orleans. Some have expressed apprehension about the return to New Orleans for this session. Perhaps we can see in it a wonderful opportunity to participate in hands on missions and ministry. The Lott Cary leadership is planning a "Missions Blitz" on Monday, the first day of the convention. If you desire to participate, please bring work clothes and join us in gutting houses, distribution activities and numerous other mission efforts in the New Orleans area. For more information please visit the Lott Carey website or phone the Lott Carey headquarters.

As we near the end of our fiscal year,

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The Central Children's Home

From the office of the Interim Vice President of the Central Children's Home of North Carolina at Oxford, NC. Reverend Norman T. Davis



Greetings in the name of our wonderful Savior Jesus Christ our Lord.

First let me take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the Central Children's Home.

I have served on the Board of the Central Children's Home since nineteen eighty nine, served in the position as president and vice president. It has been a real challenge.

I have been asked to serve as Interim Vice President until September--election time.

In March 2007, our license was reduced to a provisional license because of some infractions. The Board has completed a corrective action plan to satisfy the state office and the full license was restored June 1.

In the period of provisional license, we lost all our children except four, closed two of the cabins and laid off the necessary staff. However, we lost our E4 money from the government.

The chairman of the Board resigned. Ms. Ernestine Joyner, a local Oxford attorney and the wife of Dr. Lacy Joyner, Pastor of First Baptist Church Oxford, has accepted to lead us as Interim President until election time in September.

Our Executive Director, Mr. Michael Alston, has announced his retirement effective December 31, 2007. The Board members have asked him to stay on until his replacement is found. He has agreed.

We need the help of the General Baptist family as never before.

We need the help of all of our pastors, churches, associations, Women's Auxiliary sisters, unions and members of local congregations to reach out to us so that the home may be able to carry out its

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U.S. death toll in Iraq war

As of Friday morning, June 29, 2007, 3,562 U.S. service members and seven Defense Department civilians had been identified as having died in the Iraq war.

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. Haywood T. Gray announces one million dollars for missions

Dr. Haywood T. Gray
Executive Secretary-Treasurer



Dr. Haywood T. **Gray**
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

The Executive Secretary-Treasurer has announced that the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. has exceeded one million dollars raised for and sent to the Convention's objectives since January 2005. The Convention's objectives (Shaw University, Shaw University Divinity School, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missions Convention, and the Central Children's Home) have received a total of $1,074,877.33 since January 2005. This is significant because it marks the first million dollars raised for the objectives since Dr. Haywood T. Gray has been in the office of Executive Secretary-Treasurer. This announcement also celebrates over two ears of a policy of forwarding funds raised for objectives in a timely manner instituted by the EST. The head of each of the objectives has applauded the Baptist Headquarters for its commitment to this policy.

The record of funds sent to the objectives since January 2005 shows a total of $480,785.00 for Shaw University, $138,269.60 for Shaw University Divinity School, $144,347.47 for Central Children's Home, and $311,475.26 for Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missions Convention. The million dollar mark was passed in mid-May.

The current management policy of the EST requires that all funds collected for the objectives be forwarded to the objectives at the close of the month. Funds are required to be sent by the tenth day of the month, but staff very often gets the funds out sooner. The GBSC Finance Committee meets each month and (among other reports the Committee receives) is a "Schedule of Funds Sent to Objectives" which allows the Committee to monitor the continuing implementation of the policy. The million dollars for missions" does not include any funds that may have been sent Haywood T. Gray directly to serves as the 10th the objectives by the Churches. The Baptist Headquarters only accounts for funds sent to and through the Headquarters. In commenting on the milestone, Gray said, "I am so pleased to be an agent in raising support for our objectives. The Convention has an honorable tradition in missions and it is a wonderful experience to be a small part of that proud history. I am grateful for the opportunity." Gray went on to comment that he is disappointed that more General Baptist Churches are not regular contributors to missions through the Baptist Headquarters. ■

GBSC Fiscal Year Ends on August 31

Dr. Haywood T. Gray
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

The Baptist Headquarters wishes to remind Churches that the 2006-07 Fiscal Year of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. ends on August 31. The Convention's fiscal year begins on September 1 and ends on August 31 each year. Because most churches operate on a calendar year January to December, churches sometimes forget that the Convention's fiscal year ends on August 31.

The Executive Secretary-Treasurer is asking Churches to remember state missions in their end-of-year giving. There is a need for state missions dollars to close a deficit in state missions of more than $40,000.00. All contributions for state missions need to be received by August 31 at Baptist Headquarters in order to assist with the current year's state missions shortfall. State missions provides the income needed to operate the Convention. ■

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I encourage you to make generous contributions to State Missions efforts. We are blessed with a committed staff which works tirelessly in helping advance Baptist work across the state, nation and globally. Our fiscal year ends August 31. Thank you in advance for your generous and continuous support for the cause of Christ.

Finally on a personal note, Jackie and I are grateful and humbled by the countless expressions of support for our marriage on June 30. Thank you for your gifts and prayers during our time of celebration and joy. We are proud to be included in this great GBSC family and continuously lift you in our prayers. May God bless you and may God bless the General Baptist State Convention. ■

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functions properly.

Please pray for the home and the children.

This home shall not close, for this is the Lord's work.

Again thank you, please send us $1000.00 or $500.00.

Make checks payable to:
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PS: You may send the check to GBSC's office ASAP.



Michael Alston,
Executive Director

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THEME: *"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness..."* (II Corinthians 6:7)

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Dr. Howard Parker, Jr.
Vice President at Large



Dr. Howard **Parker, Jr.**

When reading the 23rd Psalm, one realizes that between the 4th verse and the other verses of the 23rd Psalm there's only positive news, but after the 4th verse, you discover a problem pops up in the middle because there is a report of a valley of the shadow of death. This is representative of life itself because, on our way from blessing to blessing and from glory to glory, we've got to be ready for a problem in the middle because we're not going from glory to glory problem free.

David says in verse four, ***'...I am able to go through the valley of the shadow of death and fear no evil because 'thou' and the New English translation says 'You' Lord are with me.*** Therefore, it is necessary that we end up facing some problems in the middle because it's necessary for our own spiritual development that we 'go through' as we move from glory to glory. David says, 'I ran into a problem in the middle but I was able to handle it because of who I have with me,' and he goes on to greater heights.

As the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina moves toward the next level, we may have to go through the valley. But, He will take care of us and we will be blessed; thus, He is worthy of our praise. ■

First Vice-President

Dr. Nilous Avery, II, D. Min.
First Vice-President



Dr. Nilous **Avery, II**

To my brothers and sisters in the General Baptist "tie" that binds our hearts in Christian love: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4, NIV).

What a wonderful thought to know with assurance that God is merciful. God blesses us so that through us, others will be blessed. The writer in Ecclesiastes noted that some things do change. There is a season for "every activity under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1b). Change occurs frequently: from being born to dying ... from planting to uprooting ... from killing to healing ... from tearing down to building up ... from crying to laughing ... from loving to hating ... and so on. Some things do change.

For many who have seen a number of "getting ups and lying downs," dramatic changes have taken place. Many conveniences we take for granted today were nonexistent at the beginning of the 20th century (the year 1900). Change is constant. Some things do change! A time traveler from the early 1900's would not recognize the world as it exists today.

And yet, some things do not change. When a woman came to Jesus with an alabaster jar of expensive perfume and poured it on His head, Jesus' disciples became angry and complained (Matthew 26). They concluded that the perfume could have been sold and the money given to the poor. Jesus replied that the poor would always be around.

Some things do not change! We need food because we get hungry. We need comforting because we experience grief. We need guidance because we get confused. We need compassion and companionship because we get lonely. We need forgiveness and a Savior because we all sin. We need hope because at some point, we all die.

Some things do not change! God's grace, mercy, and love do not change. In Jesus, God's image is not stained and God's power is not weak. God is immutable. In darkness, God is light. In chaos, God is truth. In weakness, God is strength. In death, God is eternal life! Some things do change. God does not! As disciples of Jesus the Christ who strive daily to give thanks and live thankfully, our methods may change, but the goal is still the same:

"To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced ... through Education, Missions, and Fellowship." (Matthew 28:19-20)

Are we helpers or hindrances to the cause of Jesus the Christ? State Missions equips and empowers us to be helpers. Some things do not change: State Missions needs our financial support and prayers. It is my firm belief that the people of God in the General Baptist family will rise up to meet every challenge, every lion's den, every Red Sea, every flaming furnace, every wall, every stronghold that attempts to thwart the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. SEND YOUR SUPPORT FOR STATE MISSIONS TODAY! ■

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all" (2 Corinthians 13:14, NIV). Amen.

"Family Worship"

By Dr. Ricky L. Banks,
3rd. Vice-President To GBSC

When members of a family worship together, all their distresses, expectancies, unfoldings, and disciplines are experienced with God. The family gains the strength to meet various situations--the rebelliousness of a child, the unforeseen shock of a serious accident, or death with a grace and firmness that comes from God. Worshipping together is part of God's plan for Christian families and affords some of their richest experiences.



Rev. Ricky **Banks**

Maintaining family worship takes a conscious effort and a great deal of determination.

Maintaining family worship takes a conscious effort and a great deal of determination. Family worship does not happen without design. The family must believe that the worship of God as a family unit is important. When the children are grown, or one lives alone, or in the home of another, the motivation for maintaining worship in the family setting may have lessened. To maintain such worship across the lifetime one must believe in its importance. That importance can be seen when one realizes that through family worship God communicates with the family and the family with God. Further, family worship is the means by which the family, and the members in it, are kept aware of God's design for life. And when life begins to draw in upon oneself, worship in the family--though the family be smaller than before--is a means of finding assurance and power to live with dignity and grace to the end of one's days on the earth.

NEWS FROM SHAW UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL

The Raleigh Region Black McDonald's Operators Association (BMOA) and the William Pretty, Jr. Foundation at Shaw University will host their Second Annual Golf Classic at Mid Pines Inn & Golf Club in Southern Pines, NC, on August 27, 2007.

For more information contact: REEKITTA K. GRIMES (919-546-8262) ■

Visit the new site for news, updates, and information about Baptist Life in North Carolina.
www.BaptistLifeNC.org
www.gbsc.org

Group rallies against killings : Easton neighbors act for the children

Dr. A.T. Griffey, IIII
Historian

By Melissa Hall
JOURNAL REPORTER

Members of Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church and some of their Easton neighbors got together last night to pray, sing and march for their neighborhood.



Dr. A.T. **Griffey, III**

Speakers in the church parking lot encouraged the crowd to work together to clean up the neighborhood and stop the violence, which includes two homicides since May.

"If they make their presence known, they can make a difference," said the Rev. A.T. Griffey III, the pastor of Mount Carmel.

Earlier, church members went through the neighborhood, which is off Thomasville Road near Interstate 40, and handed out fliers telling people about the rally and inviting them to come.

More than 100 people listened as Larry France Sr. Told them about the pain of losing his first-born child, Larry France Jr., 40, whom police found shot to death June 17 outside of a home on Louise Road.

France told them that his son was not perfect but should not have died the way he did. He said he has a lot of unanswered questions and that his son's death "left a hole in my heart."



The Rev. A.T. Griffey III and his wife, Dee (above, center), lead a group of Easton residents on a march through the neighborhood.
(Journal Photo by Bruce Chapman)

"I took care of him from the day he was born," France said. "He was my right hand."

France said that everyone has to get together and work on the problems.

Several speakers said that the problems of drugs and violence were not limited to the Easton neighborhood.

Chelsey Powers, 15, was shot to death May 28 in the front yard of her home on Charles Street. Police have charged Gerardo Garcia, Francisco Ramos and James Gutierrez with being accessories after the fact in her shooting. No one has been charged with being the gunman.

In France's death, police have charged Dewayne Omar Mcrae with first-degree murder and Terrell Dashawn Russell with being an accessory after the fact.

Winston-Salem City Council Member Evelyn Terry, who represents the Southeast Ward, told the crowd that she has been working to get police patrols in the area increased and a neighborhood watch started.

"We have to save and rescue our children. It's going to take all of us to give children an opportunity," she said.

As the group marched through the neighborhood, they sang "I Shall Not Be Moved," and waved to people in their yards.

Patricia Campbell has lived on Swaim Woods Lane for seven years and has watched her neighborhood change for the worse. She said she is tired of the drugs and the killings. She worries that her 3-year-old granddaughter could be killed while playing.

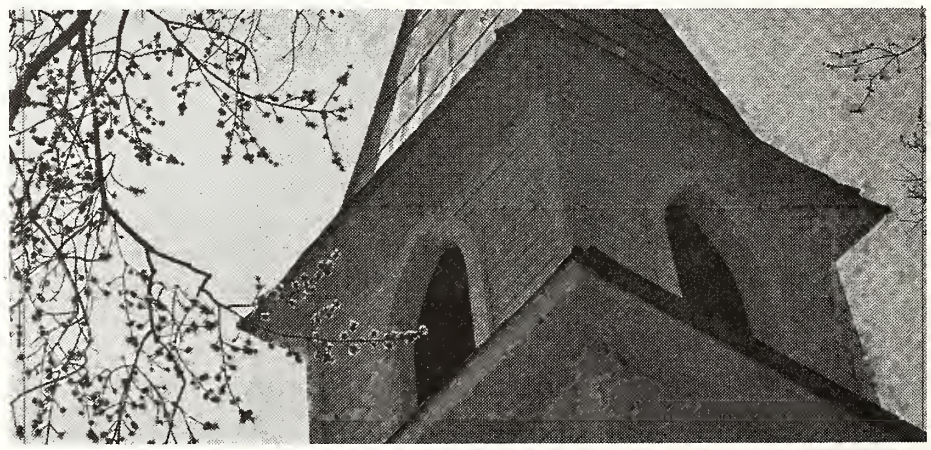
"I want to live in peace," she said.

Griffey said that leaders at Mount Carmel plan to build a family life center at the church and provide programs for area children and teenagers that will include midnight basketball, to give them an alternative to being on the streets.

"My main concern is our children and that we don't lose another generation," he said. "God planted us here, we've got to look out for it." ■

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Love Devine

By Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Executive Secretary Treasurer



Bronnie **Daniels**

Love divine, all love excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; All Thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love Thou Art; Visit us with Thy salvation; Enter every trembling heart.

- Charles Wesley

Yes we need to be His disciples who stand in and have the Love of Christ. Yes, we need to stand in Love and "Love the Lord our God and our neighbor;" yes, we need to stand in love and ask God to "Fix in us Thy humble dwelling." Yes, we need to stand in love so that "the bent in sinning is taken away;" yes, we need to stand in Love so that "Thee we will be always blessing."

President Bronnie H. Daniels recommends the use of the term-stand in all her tenure themes. Thus for a part of this missionary and fiscal year, we shall use the theme, "To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced...through Education, Missions and Fellowship: Stand in Love," Scripture References II, Thessalonians 2:15 and John 13:34.

As we utilize and live out this theme, we shall see the necessity for Standing in Love in Jesus Christ. We shall notice that Jesus admonished His disciples to love. We pray that God will use this year's preaching, teaching, and aiding to assist churches to stand in Love in Christ and move on to higher heights and possible new frontiers while serving people through missions. Pray, meditate and comprehend the message on Love in God as shown in the given hymn lyrics.

THANKS!

"Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can show forth all his praise?"-Psalm 106:1

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of enemy;"-Psalm 107:2

What a Spirit-filled 123rd Annual Session, we experienced in Winston-Salem during the week of July 22-26, 2007! We appreciate all you shared in this ministry to the glory of God.

To Reveverend Michael Long, Zion Baptist Church, Reidsville, and other persons who helped to host this sessions, we express our gratitude.

Reminders

1. National Convention, USA, Inc.- During the week of September 3-7 2007, will be the 127th Annual Session in Pennsylvania.

2. Family Missions Conference- Reverend Lionel Cartwright and First Baptist Church, 505 S. Wilkes Street, Chadbourn, NC 28431 will serve as hosts to the Annual Family Mission Conference on Saturday, September 22, 2007 beginning at 9:00 A.M. Concurrent sessions are planned for Seniors, Young Adults, and Youth. A joint workshop session follows the concurrent sessions.

Families who complete the **family Study Guide** during August (family Month) and attend this Conference will receive "The Family Altar" Certificate.

All families across the State are invited to attend and share their sacrificial offering. The offering will be credited to the contributions of the family church to the Woman's Convention.

3. The Youth Evangelism Conference- The Gaston County Missionary Union.
The Conference starts at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, November 3, 2007.

4. **The fiscal year ends in August 2007. The checks and money orders should bemade payable and sent to the Woman's Baptist State Convention or Woman's Baptist Home And Foreign Missionary Convention, P. O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602.**



Dr. Priscilla **Brodie**

We ask that all churches send their quotas and that all Unions, Auxiliaries, Districts, send their monies to the Executive Office of the Woman's Convention before August 31,

In order to help us reach the State Missions Budget section, we earnestly suggest that you please give 25% to 50% more than the suggested quota or intended gift. ■

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"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it:..."
~Psalm 127:1

FREE

Please get a copy of "THE FAMILY STUDY GUIDE" from the Christian Family Life Enrichment Ministry Committee At the Literature Table (Annual Session- July 22, 26-2007)

Each family is asked to participate in this adventure during August 2007.

(Families who complete the guide and return the for to the Office by the given date receive a certificate at the Family Mission Conference)

Black Americans and HIV/AIDS

Portia H. Brandon, M. Div.
Christian Education Coordinator/Manger Editor

AIDS is caused by a virus called HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus)

When a person is infected with HIV, the virus infects and can kill certain cells in the immune system called T-helper cells. This weakens the immune system so that other opportunistic infections can occur. The HIV-infected person is said to have AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome) when they become sick with other specific infections or when the number of T-helper cells has dropped below 200.



Portia H. **Brandon**

People at highest risk of AIDS and HIV infection are:

- People who share needles
- Men who have sex with other men
- Babies born to mothers who have HIV infection
- People who received blood transfusions
- Anyone who has sex with anyone who has or is at risk for AIDS or HIV infection

For details on HIV/AIDS in African American communities, read the CDC fact sheet HIV/AIDS among African Americans.
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Fact Sheet

Of all racial and ethnic groups in the United States, HIV and AIDS have hit African Americans the hardest. The reasons are not directly related to race or ethnicity, but rather to some of the barriers faced by many African Americans. These barriers can include poverty (being poor), sexually transmitted diseases, and stigma (negative attitudes, beliefs, and actions directed at people living with HIV/AIDS or directed at people who do things that might put them at risk for HIV).

When we look at HIV/AIDS by race and ethnicity, we see that African Americans have

- More illness. Even though blacks (including African Americans) account for about 13% of the US population, they account for about half (49%) of the people who get HIV and AIDS.
- Shorter survival times. Blacks with AIDS often don't live as long as people of other races and ethnic groups with AIDS. This is due to the barriers mentioned above.
- More deaths. For African Americans and other blacks, HIV/AIDS is a leading cause of death.

As the pie chart below shows, in 2005, about half (49%) of the people diagnosed with HIV/AIDS were black (according to information from 33 states). Children are included in these data.

The reality is similar for children: HIV/AIDS affects black children the most. In 2005, 104 (63%) of the 166 children under the age of 13 diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in 33 states were black.

As the pie charts below show, blacks account for about half of all people living with HIV/AIDS within each sex category. According to information from 33 states, during 2005,

- among men, 41% of men living with HIV/AIDS were black
- among women, 64% of women living with HIV/AIDS were black

For black men, the most common ways of getting HIV are (in order)

1. having unprotected sex with another man who has HIV
2. sharing injection drug works (like needles or syringes) with someone who has HIV
3. having unprotected sex with a woman who has HIV

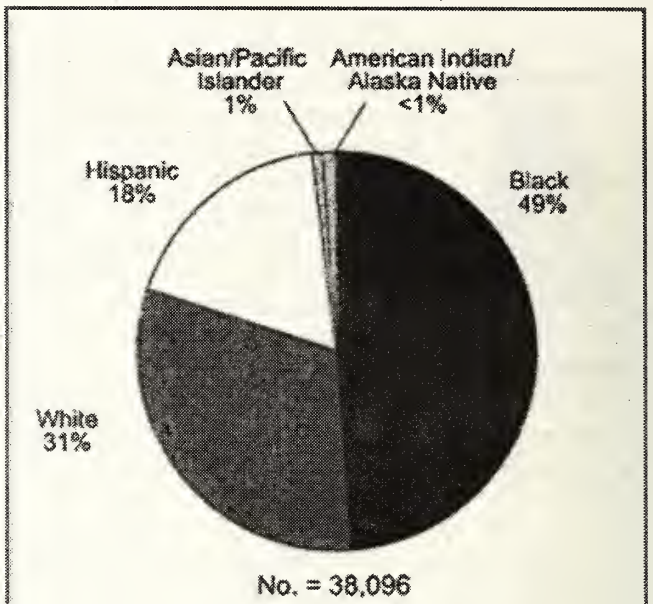
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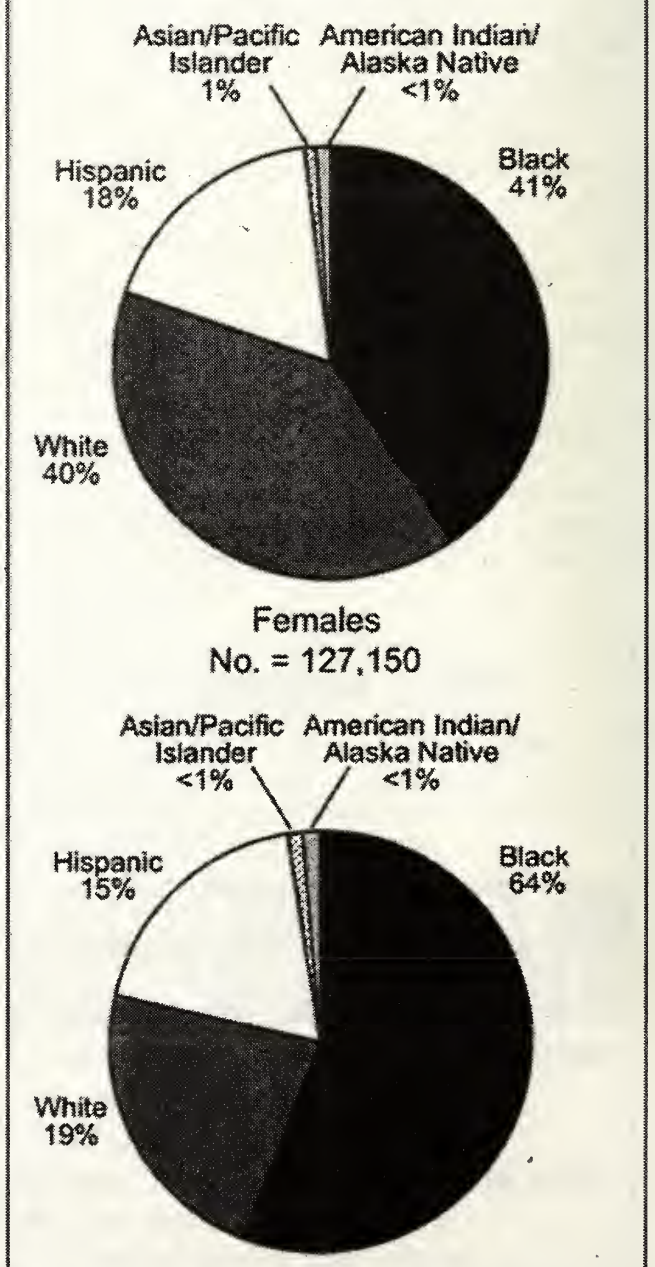
1. having unprotected sex with a man who has HIV
2. sharing injection drug works (like needles or syringes) with someone who has HIV

Blacks at higher risk for HIV are those

- who are unaware of their partner's risk factors
- with other STDs (which affect more blacks than any other racial or ethnic group)
- who live in poverty (which is about one quarter [25%] of all blacks)

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Setting Up a Personal Budget

Dexter Vincent Perry
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Money is a source of anxiety for most people at one time or another. Many of us worry about making ends meet from month to month, about credit card debt, or about saving enough for the future. And when things get bad, instead of taking positive steps to take charge of our finances, we can become paralyzed with worry and sometimes act in ways that make the situation even worse. All of this is perfectly normal; it's nothing to be ashamed of. The good news is that you can do something about it.

Taking charge of your finances

Just as you take charge of your health by deciding to exercise and eat healthy food, the first step in managing your money is to recognize that you have some control over the situation. And just as you succeed in an exercise program by coming up with a realistic plan and sticking to it, so is your success in managing finances. It all depends on finding a clear path to follow and staying on track. It's easy to blame forces outside yourself for money problems -- that your job doesn't pay enough, for example, that taxes are too high, or that family members aren't spending money carefully -- and hard to admit that much of the responsibility for change lies within yourself. Those outside forces are very real, and they sometimes leave very little room for maneuver in your budget. But there is always some room, and there are always some steps you can take to improve your financial health. It's difficult, but sometimes necessary, for example, to adjust your personal budget in response to changes in your life. A job change, a relocation, a marriage or divorce, the arrival of a new baby, the death of a parent, or even an adjustment to a mortgage interest rate, can tip the balance of income and expenses in ways that requires you to think about how much you earn and spend. Accepting that you are in control of your money, even though the world is shifting under your feet, is a breakthrough in attitude that will allow you to make positive changes.

There are two basic steps to gaining control of your personal finances:

1. Understand where you are now -- How does your money come in and go out? Are you spending more than you earn? Are you saving enough for the future?

2. Understand where you want to be -- How would you like your money to work for you? What are your financial goals?

By breaking the challenge of money management into a series of action steps, you can begin to effectively tackle a problem that, viewed as a whole, may seem unmanageable and overwhelming. That's the beauty of having a formal FINANCIAL PLAN in place. A Financial Plan sets forth a time table and specific action items to meet your objectives. If you don't have a financial plan, I invite you to call our office at 919-858-7817 and mention this article to get your complimentary financial plan started today. ■

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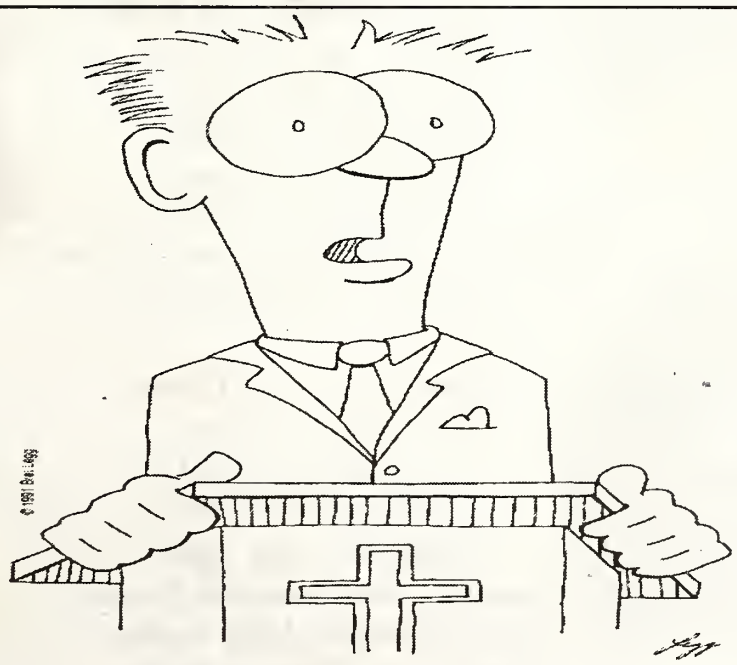
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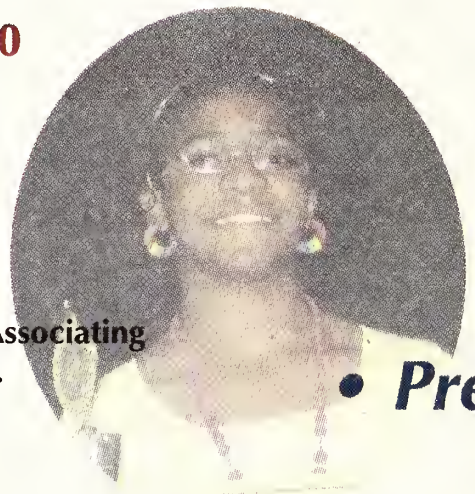
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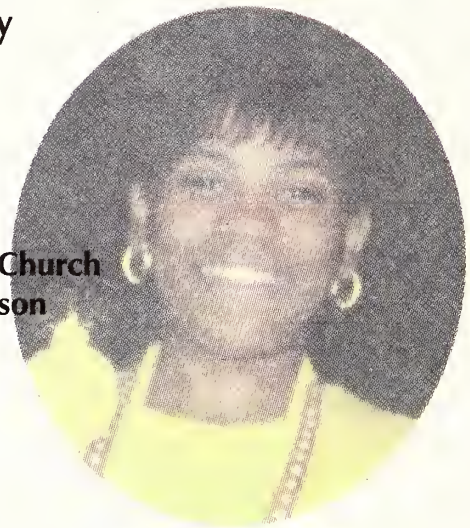
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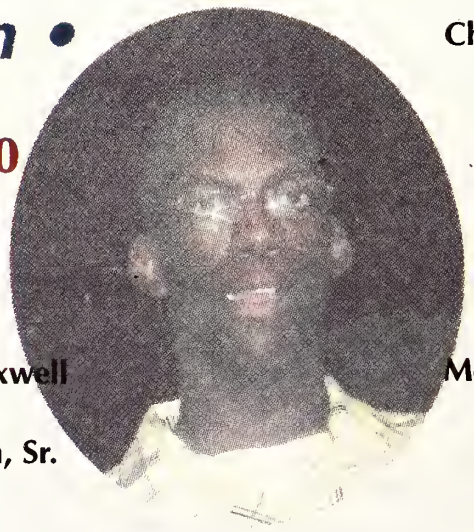
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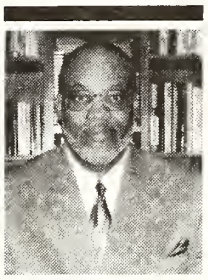
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Overcoming Evil With Good By "Preaching The Word of God"

Reverend Michael R. Smith, Sr., Chairman, GBSC Anti-Crime & Incarceration Ministry



Michael R. **Smith**

I believe the only offensive weapon we have to fight crime and incarceration is the Word of God. I am convinced any efforts to respond to crime and incarceration that are not founded upon the Word of God will ultimately fail in changing a law breaker into a law abiding person. I believe this because the only thing that can address the root cause of crime is the Word of God (Hebrews 4:12).

The root cause of crime is not poverty, bad neighborhoods, lack of education, or parental absence. These social issues can certainly contribute to the environment being conducive to crime, but they are not the root source of crime. The root source of crime is a sinful nature (human depravity) that is fueled by morally wrong personal choices (Jeremiah 17:9, Romans 3:23, Deuteronomy 30:19). The Word of God is clear that man is a moral being who is accountable to God for the choices we make in this life (Romans 14:12).

The Church in responding to the crime and incarceration crisis must firmly believe the Word of God can deal with the root cause of crime. That is why I am announcing the "OVERCOMING EVIL WITH GOOD PREACHING SERIES". This preaching series will center on the "Christian Response to Crime and Incarceration". I believe it is critical for GBSC Churches to be educated, equipped, and inspired if we are to respond more effectively to at-risk youth, persons in prison, persons coming out of prison, and victims of crime. Therefore, I am praying for the Lord to open avenues for AIM to go around the state to declare these needed messages. There is so much misinformation being shared about crime and incarceration. Not only that, much of what is declared from our pulpits is not accurate or biblical based in directing our responses.

I began working and ministering in the prison setting on July 11, 1979, almost 30 years ago. I have ministered as a prison Chaplain in both state (15 years) and federal prisons (last 13 years) all over the country. I am presently, the only African-American Chaplaincy Services Administrator in the Federal Bureau of Prisons, overseeing 35 prison Chaplains in 20 federal prisons in the Mid-Atlantic region (NC, VA, WVA, MD, KY, TN). I speak not as a volunteer or an occasional visitor in prison ministry, but as an experienced minister (28 years) in prisons who knows what it takes to make a difference. Most importantly, I have been called, graced, and equipped by God to minister to lives impacted by crime and incarceration.

I am requesting GBSC moderators and Pastors to help me spread this preaching series around our state to get our Associations and Churches more involved. I encourage you to have an ANTI-CRIME & INCARCERATION DAY at your Church. Invite AIM to come share these Christian worldview messages in responding to the crime and incarceration crisis. As the new fiscal year begins, join us in taking AIM by supporting and allowing the "OVERCOMING EVIL WITH GOOD PREACHING" series to be heard in our GBSC Associations and Churches. Please see the preaching series flyer and share with others and fill out the AIM Commitment Form. We can make a greater difference if we work together as a team in tackling this crisis!

The GBSC Anti-Crime & Incarceration Ministry needs our churches to get involved now!

(FILL OUT OUR AIM COMMITMENT FORM AND RETURN TO HEADQUARTERS)

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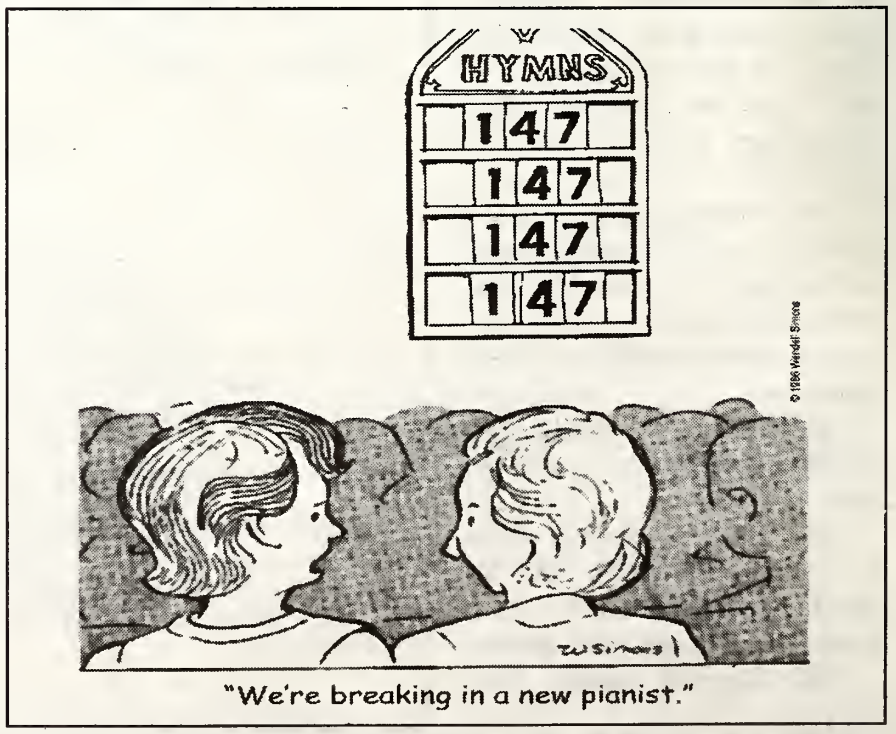
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Baptist Leaders Call For End To War In Iraq and Removal of Attorney General Alberto Gonzales

June 4, 2007 - As presidents of the four national black Baptist denominations - National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. led by Dr. William J. Shaw, National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. led by Dr. Stephen J. Thurston, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. led by Dr. T. Dewitt Smith and National Missionary Baptist Convention of America led by Dr. C. C. Robertson - whose combined membership totals almost fifteen million people, we announced our joint commitment to intensify efforts in two pressing moral issues affecting public policy: ending our nation's military involvement in Iraq, and installing competent and trustworthy leadership at the Department of Justice. ■



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It is a wonderful thing to reflect - to think about where we've been, where we're going and how we're going to get there. An so, reflecting on the month of July, we think about all the events that we look forward to being engaged in at this time - from summer camps to summer vacations, from class and school reunions to a dip in the pool - from picnics in the park to celebrating the Fourth of July.

On July 4, 1776, the United States of America established its independence. July 4, 1007 marked the 231st anniversary of this momentous occasion, and although nearly all of America partook in the various festivities and traditions surrounding the fourth, it is doubtful that very many of us took the time to contemplate the true meaning of the Fourth of July; nor did we reflect on the 231 years that have brought us to the present day. Without doing this, we allow the true significance of the holiday to escape us. It was American Independence and Freedom that our forefathers fought and died for, not the right to have a barbecue. But even within this idea of American Freedom there is cause for thought. Who was this freedom meant for, what is freedom, and it is truly free? All of these are questions people should ask themselves when thinking about the Fourth of July and its implications.

The first question is perhaps the easiest to answer; yet, it might be the most thought provoking. Clearly the America that our forefathers fought for is not the same America that we know and love today. At this time America was rife with racism, bigotry and discrimination, even slavery. The phrase racial equality did not exist, neither, for that matter, did gender equity. Although our founders espoused the beliefs of "liberty and justice for all", this "all" was extremely limited. In fact, the word "add" did not extend much further than white male landowners, an exclusive group to say the least. It was not until January 1, 1864, at the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation that African Americans were awarded their freedom; 88 years after whites. However, I implore you not to be fooled into believing that in 1864 Blacks were made equal with Whites. The Emancipation Proclamation did little more than legalize African American freedom. It took far more than that to make freedom for Blacks a reality, ti took sacrifice.

Throughout the late 1800s and into the 1900s Blacks had to give of their happiness, their liberty and even their lives so that African Americans of today would be able to consider themselves free. These "freedom fighters" of yesteryear endured innumerable injustices and immeasurable pain and suffering. They preserved through attacking packs of ravenous dogs, through the overwhelming pressure of high powered water hoses and the brutal blows suffered at the hands of "Billy Club" wielding police officers. Like their predecessors and our forefathers, these "freedom fighters" were willing to do whatever it took sacrificing both life and limb, in the hope that one day their children, or their children's children would live free. That was the cost of freedom. ■

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Center for Health and Healing

By John Hatch

Transitions: Rev. Gregory A. Nash has been hired as Director of the Center. He brings to the task a lifetime of Christian Experience and commitment to service as well as 20 years managerial experience with IBM and a divinity degree from the Duke University of Divinity. He is married to DeVetta Holman Nash. They have a son Robert Anthony who is five years old. The Nashes hold membership in Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Durham.

Rev. Nash holds strong interest in youth ministry. He has been involved with counseling and service activities focused on young men and their role in community. He is committed to continuation of existing health promotion programs at the Center and seeks dialogue around strategies to strengthen the Health and Human Services Ministry within the Convention and the communities it serves. Gregory Nash can be reached at 919-752-6374.

Ms. Latasha Sanders who worked with the Center as coordinator of the Faith and Health Project in Granville, Warren, Franklin, and Vance counties graduated with a Master's Degree in Public Administration from NCCU in May. In June she accepted a job at the GS13 level with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, GA. Latasha attributes her good fortune to the experience she gained at the Center and especially to the love, wisdom and friendly guidance provided by clergy and lay leaders associated with the Faith and Health project.

Toshia Davis Jordan is directing Center focus on smoking cessation. Churches interested in joining "the smoke free church grounds crusade" may secure literature and no smoking signs by calling her at the Center. She is also available to conduct discussion on ways churches can take leadership in smoking cessation. ■

(NAACP) 98th Annual Convention in Detroit. July 7-12, 2007

6-day conference draws thousands as goup struggles with its direction

Cindy Rodriguez/Santiago Esparza The Detroit News



Handling the ribbon-cutting honors at the opening ceremonies of the NAACP convention are, from left: Dennis Courtland Hayes, Interim President and CEO; Roslyn M. Brock; actress Victoria Rowell; Rev. Wendall Anthony, Detroit chapter president; and Julian Bond, chairman of the NAACP.

DETROIT -- The NAACP national convention kicks off Saturday in Detroit, drawing 8,000 people from across the nation who will pump an estimated $12.5 million into the economy during the six-day conference.

"The NAACP loves Detroit," said NAACP Interim President and CEO Dennis C. Hayes. "We will feel like we are at home there."

The event will also put a spotlight on the city with two huge media events: a ceremonial burial of the "N-word" complete with a faux coffin that will be carried by rappers Kurtis Blow and Eric B., and a presidential forum that will include Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and John Edwards -- hopefuls seeking to woo voters from an organization instrumental in turning out the black vote.

The convention comes at a time when the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization is functioning without a permanent leader, struggling to overcome financial setbacks, and cutting a third of its national staff of 119 people in the midst of closing its eight regional offices. Membership has fallen from a high of 500,000 in 1946 to 300,000 today. ■

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- Applicant must be guided by the Holy Spirit and able to apply God's wisdom as detailed in the Bible in all actions and decisions as a leader of Mt Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.
- Applicant must have excellent leadership skills with a broad knowledge of the Baptist Doctrine, Baptist Polity, church policies and procedures and possess a willingness to follow the by-laws governing Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church.
- Applicant should be well versed in Robert Rules of Order and know how to conduct a church meeting.
- Applicant must have a good working knowledge of the business and financial aspects of the church.
- Applicant must be a skilled compassionate Counselor and willing to counsel the members of the congregation.
- Applicant must be a person with high moral integrity, have a humble spirit, and not argumentative or overbearing.
- Applicant must live a Christian life inside and outside the church.
- Applicant must have excellent communication skills and a sincere willingness to be a good listener.
- Applicant must have the ability to work with all age groups in the congregation.
- Applicant should be able to recognize the diversity of talents in the church and have a willingness to help develop and use the spiritual gifts of the congregation.
- Applicant should have knowledge of and promote the Church's involvement in total church ministry, the local, state and national Baptist associations.
- Applicant must be willing to submit to a Police background check, Character and Credit check and must live in or be willing to relocate to Wayne County.

All interested applicants should submit a resume with a cover letter, a narrative response of experience relative to the above referenced profile, a copy of your Ministerial License. Have your college/university send a sealed transcript to the following address:

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church
Attention Deacon Todd Davis
318 Denmark Street
Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530
Phone # Davis 919.920.4795
Church # 919.735.3242

ALL RESUMES MUST BE POSTMARKED AND RECEIVED BY September 3, 2007.

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- Must be an ordained minister
- One to three years pastoral experience in the Baptist church preferred
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Mail resume to: **Mrs. Magalene Gaither**
Shiloh Baptist Church
P.O. Box 188
Mocksville, NC 27028

Poplar Springs Missionary Baptist Church, Rockingham, North Carolina is accepting applications for a Pastor.

The qualifications for Pastor, adopted by the Committee are:

1. A person who is led by the Holy Spirit in all matters.
2. Ordained Baptist Minister, with strong knowledge of the Missionary Baptist doctrines, policies and practices.
3. Ability to work with all age groups within the Church.
4. Teach God's word, carry out administrative leadership, and counseling duties.
5. Supports Church Functions, including attending Sunday School, Bible Study Prayers Meetings and visits the sick and shut-in.
6. Support the work of the Association and General Baptist State Convention.
7. Have 3—5 years Pastoral Experience, a Bachelor's Degree, and some Seminary training.

Poplar Springs Baptist Church has service every Sunday; is a member of the Pee Dee Association and General Baptist State Convention.

Send references and resume to:
Poplar Springs Missionary Baptist Church
Pastor's Search Committee Chair
Mr. Elihue Covington
478 Sandhill Road
Rockingham, N. C. 28379

SPIRITUAL LEADER

St John Missionary Baptist Church, located in the Epworth Community of Vanceboro, NC seeks a spiritual leader. Here are some of the characteristics we are looking for in spirit-led leader.

The candidate must

- Exert confident leadership as well as accept responsibilities in the broad field of education.
- Facilitate unity within the organization.
- Implement policies fairly and consistently.
- Conceptualize a broad spectrum of educations precepts, generalization, dispositions, and points of view.
- Demonstrate competence as a consumer of current resources
- Implement effective change processes when needed.
- Transmit a personal vision
- Respect individual needs and abilities
- Empower co-workers by articulating the difference between management and leadership in terms of the differences in the way the followers are managed or the way they are motivated.
- Demonstrate critical thinking, problem solving, and decision-making skills.

Interested candidates are asked to send a resume or letter of intent to:
Search Committee
PO Box 664
Vanceboro, NC 28586
Attn: Stan Adams or Email it to: manonestan@aol.com

New Ahoskie Baptist Church is currently accepting applications for the position of Pastor.
New Ahoskie Baptist Church is a member of the West Roanoke Baptist Association.

The qualifications for a pastor adopted by the Committee are:

a) A person who is led by the Spirit of God in all matters and performs pastoral duties according to the scriptures and the needs of the church.
b) A person who is ordained and licensed with strong knowledge of the Missionary Baptist doctrines, policies and practices.
c) A person who is able to conduct worship services on a full time basis.
d) A person who has acquired a Seminary degree from an accredited school or equivalent education preferred.
e) A person who has the ability to teach God's word and carry out administrative, leadership and counseling duties.
f) A person who has the ability to communicate and work with all age levels.
g) A person who will participate in outreach ministries (including youth and senior ministries).
h) A person who is family and community oriented, A person who is a good role model of moral and ethical conduct,
j) A person who supports church functions including teaching and attending Sunday school, Bible study, and prayer meetings, and one who visits the sick and shut-ins,
k) A person who has a vision for the spiritual, intellectual and financial growth of the church.

Along with a resume, a potential candidate must provide:
a) Two professional references including name, address and telephone number of the referents.
b) Name, address, and telephone number of previous or current church affiliation, including the pastor's name, if applicable.
c) Proof of religious credentials (license/ordination).
d) Proof of degree for confirmation or transcript of completed courses if degree has not been conferred.
e) A mission statement for the church.

This list is not inclusive, but serves as a snapshot of what is expected of a pastor as New Ahoskie Baptist Church continues as a church that will serve all of God's children. *If you feel God is leading you to this call, please submit a resume' and supporting documentation to:*

Deacon Charles McCullough, Chairman
Pastor Search Committee
New Ahoskie Baptist Church
PO Box 371
Ahoskie, NC 27910

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It is my hope that I will be a help to you in your next building project. Although you may not have a plan that exactly fits your needs, I may help you find a starting point to develop your own path.

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• Ministry of Music •

First Baptist Church

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The First Baptist Church is seeking candidates for the position of Minister of Music.

The ideal candidate:

- Work under the authority of the Pastor
- Know and practice Baptist Doctrine
- Three to five years of experience as a Minister of Music
- Read and transpose notations
- Effective communicator and organizer

Interest candidates should submit a cover letter and resume. Please be sure to include telephone numbers, email address, three letters of reference. Please send information to:

Sister Frances McDougald
Music Chairperson
504 West 2nd Street
Lumberton, NC 28258

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church

422 Carolina Avenue • Shelby, North Carolina 28150

• Seeking a person for Youth Minister •

Principal Functions:

Be a follower of Jesus Christ; develop a relationship with the youth of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church; provide proven leadership skills; be able to identify problems and then address with spiritual discernment.

Primary Responsibilities:

• To guide youth (ages 13-19) in understanding their own personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
• Provide opportunities for the youth to grow spiritual through bible study, retreats, outreach ministries and missions.
• Develop a youth council consisting of youth and their parents that will meet monthly.
• Must possess interpersonal and conflict resolution management skills.
• Attend all staff and ministry meetings when requested by the Pastor.
• Cooperate in ministries outside the content of the local church such as community outreach events when appropriate and meets the approval of the Pastor.
• Required to develop and follow an annual financial budget approved by the congregational body for the youth ministry.
• Continue to develop ministry skills and personal character through study and continuing education.

Time Requirements:

• 15 – 20 hours per week, including time on Sundays, afternoons, and weekends.

Qualifications:

• Must have some experience and knowledge of youth ministry in a local church.
• Must be committed to developing a growing ministry that meets the needs of youth ages 13-19.
• Possess a Bachelor's Degree in a Religious Studies field such as: Christian Education, Pastoral Care and Counseling, etc.

Salary Range Recommendation:
• $11,700 per year ($225 per week) – $14,300 per year ($275 per week)

Please mail resumes to:

P.O. Box 1209
Shelby, NC 28151
ATTN: Personnel Committee

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- A licensed and ordained Baptist minister.
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- Effective working with all age groups of the church.
- Effective in planning and leading worship(has a vision for the growth of the church.
- Live in proximity to the church(preferred).
- Family and Community oriented.
- Supportive of the various associations of the church.
- Have a knowledge of Baptist Doctrine.

Please send resumes to: Pulpit Committee
Mt Carmel Missionary Baptist Church
P.O. Box 1421
Elizabeth City, NC 27909

First Baptist Church Fuquay
P.O. Box 432
Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina 27526
919-552-9150

First Baptist Missionary Church is seeking candidates for the position of senior pastor. The church is located in a small town which is beautiful Fuquay Varina. The present sanctuary was just remodeled in April 2007. The historical African American Church has a 95 year history with approximately 200 members. More demographic information about First Baptist is available upon request.

The candidate should exemplify the biblically based pastoral leadership qualities found in **I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus. Must be a born again Christian, led by the Spirit of God, have a fear of God, and exhibit behavior that consistently demonstrates obedience to God**

Must be a licensed and ordained minister with a commitment to the Baptist church

Must demonstrate a zeal for evangelizing with a commitment to the words of Jesus, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations..."

Must show genuine care of persons by visiting the sick and shut-in, comforting the bereaved, supporting church functions, and counseling those undergoing trials of various sorts

Must be proven church leader and communicator with the ability to work with people

Must exhibit the fruit of the spirit in everyday living

If married, must hold to faithful monogamy

Must be a good steward of the Word of God and church resources

The list of qualifications is not inclusive, but serves as a brief synopsis of what we expect of a pastor as we build First Baptist Missionary Church to be the church that God will choose when he comes back.

Potential candidates must submit the following information:
A cover letter and resume, Seven references (4 professional and 3 personal) other references may be requested from the references provided; References should include name, address, and telephone numbers.
Name, address and telephone number of prior and current church affiliations
Proof of religious credentials (license or ordination)
Submission of the above information is considered your consent to a personal and professional background investigation.

The requested resume package must be postmarked by October 31, 2007 and sent to:
Pastoral Search Ministry
First Baptist Church Fuquay
P O Box 14715
Raleigh, NC 27610

Rev. J.D Ballard — *Interim Pastor*
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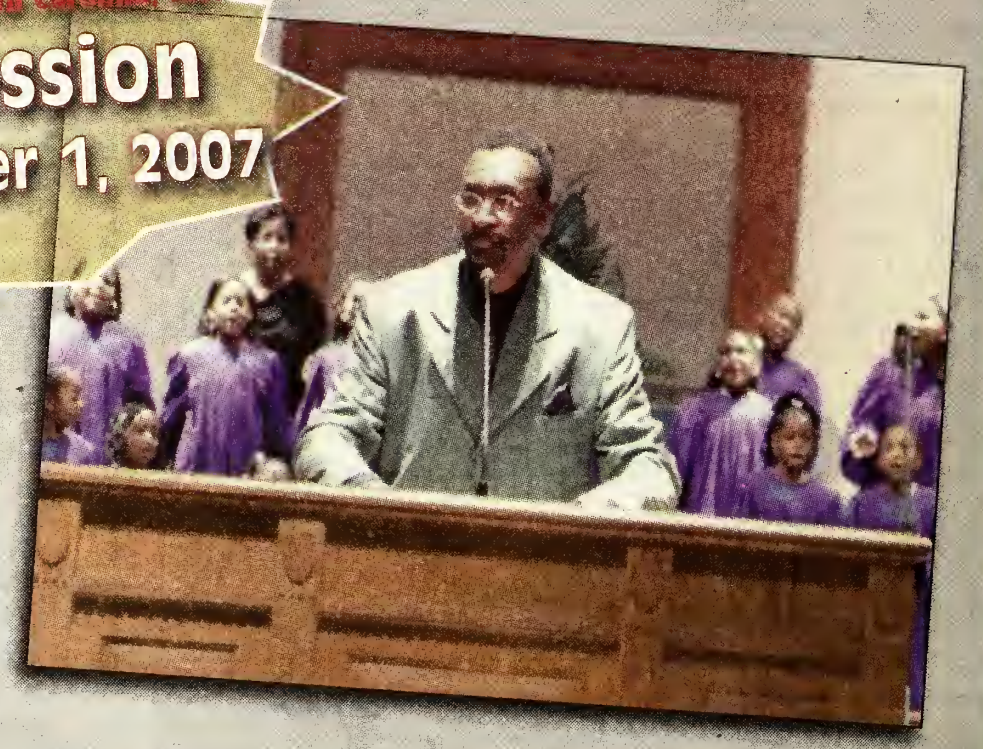
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GBSC THEME

"To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced...through Education, Missions and Fellowship," Matthew 28:19-20

By Reverend Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr.
President GBSC

Greetings my beloved General Baptist family. Grace and peace be unto you in the marvelous name of Jesus Christ.



Rev. Dr. Gregory K. **Moss, Sr.**

Since our last publication, our National Baptist Conventions, including Lott Carey, have convened their respective annual sessions. If you were in attendance, I'm prayerful you received information that will enhance and impact the ministry of our state work and that of the local churches.

Meanwhile, across the state our children have returned to local schools, colleges and universities. These are challenging times for students, parents, teachers, administrators and school boards. Each community (public) school system is charged with the daunting task of providing a more than adequate education for thousands of children across the state of North Carolina. Herein is an opportunity for General Baptist churches to extend their ministries beyond the walls of our buildings right into the hearts and minds of students and parents alike. By providing well organized before school and after school programs, we can impact children, parents and the schools that serve them. Schools need readers, mentors, tutors and other volunteers as budgets are slashed and sliced statewide. What a powerful witness we present when we intentionally become part of the solution for what plagues our schools. Remember, our children are our most precious treasure. It is my sincere desire each General Baptist church family adopt a school near you. Be a blessing!

October is fast approaching and we are preparing for our parent body annual session. It will convene with the Union Baptist Church of Durham, North Carolina. Pastor Kenneth Hammond and the Union family are excited about the session and wait on tip-toe-anticipation for our arrival. During the month of September our leadership will put the final touches on the session program. We anticipate an exciting and informative gathering. Reverend Doctor William Curtis, pastor of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and president of the Hampton's Ministers Conference is the speaker for our banquet. Special attention will be given to the homeless issue challenging most of our communities across the state.

In line with our Mid-Year session in Shelby, the annual session will be creative and informative. We are committed to enhancing the knowledge of our churches and their representatives. Your participation is desired and expected. Please bring a generous contribution for State Missions, the dynamo that drives our state work.

Enjoy the blessings of the Lord Jesus Christ. God bless you and may God bless the General Baptist State Convention. ■

What is State Missions anyway?

Dr. Haywood T. Gray
Executive Secretary-Treasurer



Dr. Haywood T. **Gray**

Excellent question! Think of State Missions as the gas that runs the car. Without gasoline (and without State Missions), the car won't run (and the Convention cannot operate). Our State Missions expenses fall into two categories: OPERATIONS AND PROGRAMMING.

OPERATIONS include:

Parent Body and Auxiliary Officers Honoraria and Expenses, Staff Salaries and Benefit, Attorneys, Accountants and Consultants Fees, Computer Maintenance, Office Supplies, Office Machines, Postage and Shipping, Property, Workers Comp, and General Liability Insurance, Printing of books, brochures, newspaper, announcements, programs, and flyers; Expenses to operate the Baptist Headquarters including gas, water, electricity, telephones, janitorial, trash disposal, security, and upkeep; Expenses to operate the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill including gas, electricity, telephones, custodial services, lawn upkeep and grass cutting, heating & air conditioning maintenance, plumbing, upkeep of swimming pool, and certified pool operators and life guards.

Expenses for each Session of the Parent Body and Auxiliaries which includes: Rental of facilities like convention centers, printing of materials for Sessions, preparation of registration kits and badges, staff travel to make arrangement for host pastors and host Churches, lodging for staff and special guests. Banquet costs including food, rental of space, service fees, mailings, publicity and advertising, awards and plaques.

ALMOST $700,000.00 IS NEEDED FOR OPERATIONS EACH YEAR. ALMOST $160,000.00 IS NEEDED FOR PROGRAMMING EACH YEAR. ■

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▪ HOW BONDS DID IT ▪

In the fifth inning, Barry Bonds homered off Washington's Mike Bacsik. The historic shot went 435 feet to right-center field.

QUOTABLE: "I move over now and offer my congratulations to Barry and his family." -HANK AARON, Former Record Holder

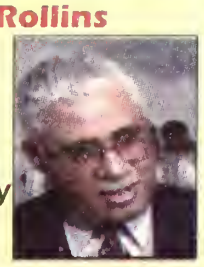


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God continues to call the roll of His people from all over the world and we are mindful of the words which inform us that, "the Lord giveth, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." (Job 1:21) On Sunday, July 22, 2007, at the Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro, the Lord called the Rev. P.C. Holland, Jr., to come home. His funeral was held on Thursday, July 26, 2007, in the First Baptist Church in Kannapolis with Dr. Clifford A. Jones officiating. Burial was in the Veterans Administration National Cemetery in Salisbury. Rev. Holland served on the General Board and the Executive Committee of the General Baptist State Convention and chaired the Convention's Personnel Committee. He was an instructor in the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education. May we continue to lift in prayer his wife, Mrs. Mildred C. Holland, and his five sons: Peter C. Holland, III of Yanceyville; Derrick Holland of New Orleans; Frederick Smith of Germany; Eric Smith of Shanghi, China and Kenneth Smith of Greensboro.

May we also remember in our prayers Dr. Charles R. Mosley, Pastor of Nazareth First Baptist Church, Asheville, NC. Dr. Mosley's wife, Mrs. Lue Alvia Riddick Mosley, passed on the morning of Friday, July 27, 2007. Mrs. Mosley was a native of Raleigh and did her undergraduate studies at Shaw University. After receiving her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Shaw, she went on to achieve Master of Arts Degrees in both English and Early Childhood Education from North Carolina A & T State University. She received other post graduate degrees in both Mathematics and Special Education. She retired in 1999 after more than thirty years of dedication to her beloved students and community. Dr. and Mrs. Charles R. Mosley were married on June 2, 1962 in Raleigh and was blessed with two children: Charles Ronald of Greenville, SC and Sybrennah Antanette of Atlanta, Ga. ■

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"To all in (the General Baptist Family) who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 1:7, NIV). As we press on with the awesome God-ordained assignment "to convince the unconvinced to be convinced through Education, Missions, and Fellowship," I continually pause to thank God for all of you, "because your faith is being reported all over the world" (Romans 1:8b).

God has promised empowerment for those who are faithful. General Baptists, we can experience and express the power that is ours in Jesus the Christ.

Power is a word that is used often in our world. We are familiar with "power plays," "power dunks," and "power formations" in athletics. We eat "power bars" for energy while on the go. We install power locks, power brakes, power windows, power engines, etc. in our automobiles. We use "power points" in professional presentations. Our churches apply the word power to add punch to our ecclesiastical gatherings.

How does the word power apply to our spiritual lives? In the New Testament, there are two forms of the word power:

- Dunamis: the ability, the force, the energy to do or act. It literally means powered by power, transforming power. The focus of this word is the transformation (change) that comes in order to glow, grow, and go when this power is present! (see Acts 1:8)
- Kratos: the power that is able to overcome resistance (see Hebrews 2:14). This also refers to overcoming the power of death. This word indicates that God's glorious might is needed for growth as a result of the many challenges that confront our spiritual advancement.

In others words, Christ's power must become tangible and visible in our lives in order for us to glow, grow, and go in the will, witness, and work of Almighty God!

God provides us with Power to Know (Ephesians 1:17-20; 3:18-19), Power to Walk (Colossians 1:11), and Power to Serve (2 Thessalonians 1:11). We are called to be fruit-bearers of God through Jesus the Christ. True fruit-bearers possess inward divine power that transforms lives and overcomes obstacles to ministry.

Our opportunity to be witnesses of God's transforming power is available through our convention's objectives, specifically State Missions. Without State Missions, our ability to be agents of transformation is limited. Without your support, there is no State Missions! Your constant prayers and financial support are tangible proof that God's power transforms lives and overcomes obstacles. My beloved General Baptist family, we are in position to impact our world like never before. Accept the challenge today.

Send your prayers up and your financial support in for State Missions today! I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you soon.

Amen. ■

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Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God. ***Titus 2:3-5***

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THEME: *"By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness..."* (II Corinthians 6:7)

"The Way of the Cross"

By Dr. Ricky L. Banks,
3rd. Vice-President To GBSC

Why has the cross of Christ remained the central symbol of the Christian Church? Why were Church buildings constructed in a cruciform, and crosses placed on top of spires, domes, on altars and above pulpits? Why has the cross persisted?



Rev. Ricky **Banks**

Not out of pity, for pity has no power to save the pitiful, and is soon dissipated by the urge to feel sorry for somebody else, or ourselves.

Not out of mere curiosity, for although there is a streak of merely in us that makes us gawk at tragedy, we soon move on to more pleasant sights. There have been many crucifixions.

Not out of admiration of martyrdom, for the world has known many martyrs, only one Savior. The martyr spills his blood; the world is momentarily sobered, mops up the mess of the martyr's death, erects a monument to his sacrifice, and moves on to martyrdom.

Not from moral outrage at his death, although it was a monstrous miscarriage of justice that brought Him to Golgotha, this world is accustomed to the trampling of the weak by the powerful, the poor by the rich, the innocent by the guilty. We are hardened to the sight of injustice, our ears dull to the cries of its victims. We do not worship Christ because he was the Prime Victim.

The undimished power of the cross of Christ lies in faith that there God took the world's sinful rebellion to himself, redeeming us by his sacrificial love. The awesomeness of the cross is that there God gave his best to save us from our worst.

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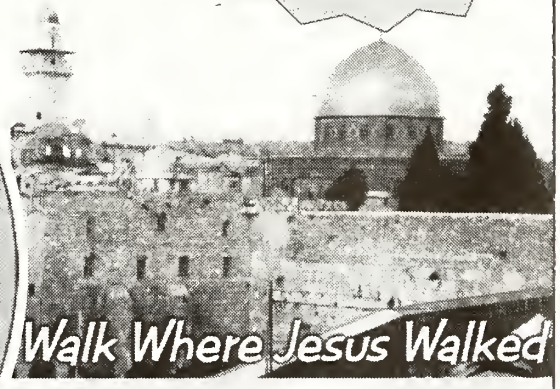


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Saviour, Thy Dying Love"



Bronnie **Daniels**

Sav-iour, Thy dy-ing love, Thou gav-est me,
Nor should I aught with-hold, Dear Lord, from Thee:
In love my soul would bow, My heart-ful fill its vow,
Some offering bring Thee now,
Something for Thee.

At the blest mer-cy seat, Plead-ing for me,
My fee-ble Faith looks up, Je-sus, to Thee:
Help me the cross to bear, Thy won-drous love de-clare
Some song to raise, or prayer, Something for Thee.

Give me a faith-ful heart, Like-ness to Thee,
That each de-part-ing day, Hence-forth may see
Some work of love be-gun, Some deed of kind-ness done,
Some wanderersought and won,
Something for Thee.

All that I am and have, Thy gifts so free,
In joy, in grief, thro' life, Dear Lord, for Thee!
And when Thy face I see, My ran-somed soul shall be,
Thro' all e-ter-ni-ty, Something for Thee.
—S.D. Phelps

Yes, we need to be His disciples who stand and have the LOVE OF CHRIST within us. Yes, we need to stand in LOVE and "bow (our) souls to Him" (Jesus); yes, we need to stand in LOVE and "the cross to bear"; yes, we need to stand in LOVE "some work...begun." Yes we need to stand in LOVE that "Some deed of kindness, some wondrous sought and won..." and "Thy wondrous love declare". In his love may we as His Body implement His Cause for humanity.

President Bronnie H. Daniels recommends the use of the term-Stand in all her tenure's themes. Thus for a part of this missionary and fiscal year, we shall use the theme, "To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced...Through, Education, Missions and Fellowship: Stand In Love," Matthew 28:19-20, II Thessalonians 2:1, & John 13:34

As we utilize and live out this theme, we shall see the necessity for Standing in Love in Jesus Christ. We notice that there are several occasions where Jesus admonished to love. We pray that God will use this year's preaching, teaching, and aiding to assist churches to Stand In LOVE in Christ and move on to higher heights and possible new frontiers serving humanity through missions. May we see and comprehend the message of LOVE in God as shown in the given hymn lyrics.

Reminders

1. ***National Convention, USA, Inc.***- During the week of September 3-7, 2007, will be the 127th Annual Session in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

2. ***Family Missions Conference***- Reverend Lionel Cartwright and First Baptist Church, 311 West Princess Street, Chadbourn, NC 28431 will serve as hosts to the Annual Family Mission Conference on Saturday, September 22, 2007 beginning at 9:00 A.M. Concurrent sessions are planned for Seniors, Young Adults, and Youth. A joint workshop session follows the concurrent sessions.

Families who complete the Family Study Guide during August (Family Month) and attend this Conference will receive "The Family Altar" Certificate.

All families across the State are invited to attend and share their sacrificial offering. The offering will be credited to the contributions of the family church to the Woman's Convention. (Please visit www.yahoo.com for driving directions).

3. ***The Youth Evangelism Conference***- may be hosted by the Gaston County Missionary Union. The Conference starts at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, November 3, 2007.

4. **The new fiscal year begins this month and ends in August 2007. The proposed budget this year will be $803,325.00, which will be distributed among the objectives. Checks and money orders should be made payable and sent to the Woman's Baptist State Convention or Woman's Baptist Home And Foreign Missionary Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602.** ***In order to help us reach the State Missions Budget section, we earnestly suggest that you please give 25% to 50% more than the suggested quota or intended gift, or al least please see to it that 2/3 of the funds which you send, go to State Mission. Out of State Missions come all funds needed for Conventions, Retreats, Conferences, Youth Bible Camp, Leadership Training Conference, Workshops, printing, staff salaries and benefits, rental for facilities, office supplies, office equipment, office operations, postage and other unnamed essentials. Without your committed and general support hardly will the Woman's Convention be able to operate and minister in the name of Jesus Christ.***



Dr. Priscilla **Brodie**

5. ***Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer*** - materials may be secured from the office of the Woman's Convention. You may secure as many copies as needed as long as materials are available.

As we focus on standing in love, let us remember that sacrificial giving is needed.

" A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."
John 13:34

LET US STAND IN LOVE IN JESUS CHRIST! ■

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~Psalm 127:1

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Congress Morning Session

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Dr. A. T. Griffey, III, Instructor
Pastor, Mount Carmel, Winston Salem

Class 2: 'Parliamentary Procedures"
Reverend Reginald A. Wells, Instructor
Pastor, New Christian Chapel, Rose Hill

Class 3: "Sunday School with an Intentional Mission and Goals: Superintendents"
Dr. Frank Byrd. Instructor
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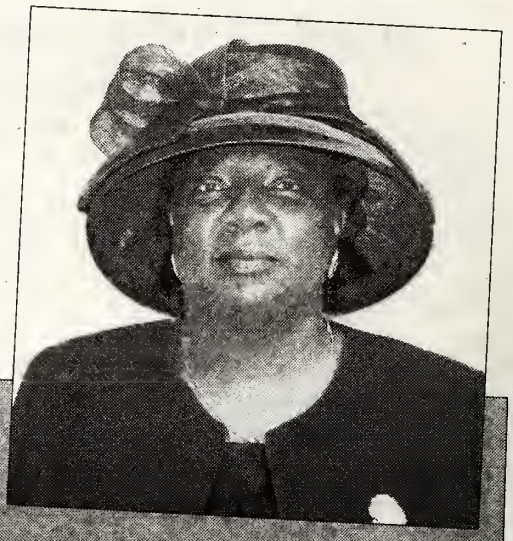
Class 4: "Sunday School with an Intentional Mission and Goals: Teachers and Students"
Dean Janifer Campbell, Instructor
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Reverend Perry Irby
Pastor, Restoration Missionary Baptist Church, Fayetteville













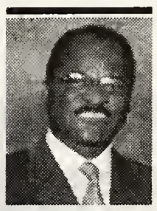
The New Testament lies hidden in the Old, and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New.

–Augustine, A.D. 354-430

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Mr. Theodore David, President
N. C. Baptist State Laymen's League



Theodore **David**

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit; for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. I Corinthians 2:9-10.

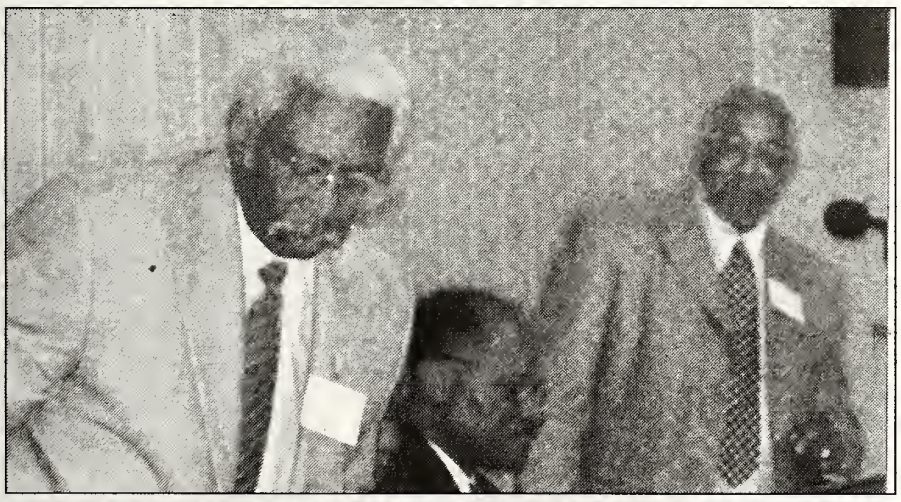
We experience great joy in knowing that the Spirit of God is working in us to reveal the "deep things of God". Those revelations are quite clear against the backdrop of God's love, mercy, and never-ending grace and those revelations provide additional incentives for us to keep pressing towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ.

The Laymen's League Auxiliary had a "mountain-top experience" during our participation in the GBSCNC's Unity Session held on July 23, 2007. The event was held at St. Stephens Baptist Church in Winston Salem, NC where Rev. Dr. J. R. Samuels serves as Sr. Pastor. The Laymen conducted their Annual Session Programs and Luncheon Banquet which featured:

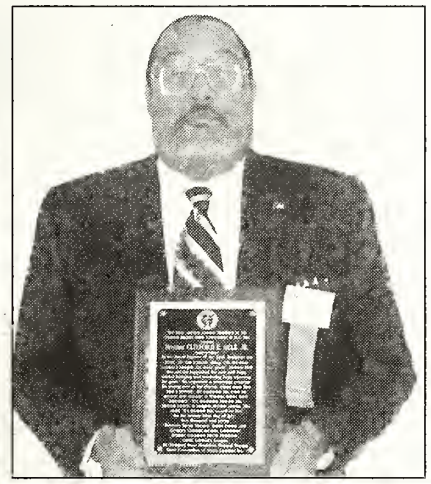
- A Presidential Address by NC Laymen Auxiliary President Theodore David
- A message by Rev. Dr. John R. Shannon, Sr. Pastor of Providence Missionary Baptist Church located in Edenton, NC.
- A luncheon banquet speech by Deacon Calvin Martin – President of Lott Carey Laymen's Auxiliary

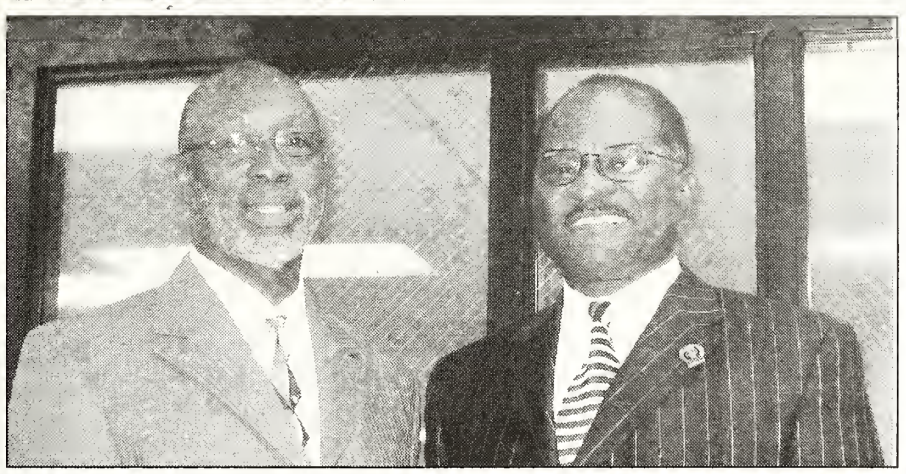
**The Youth Laymen's Service was conducted.













Laymen Youth Session

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President's Address

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Rev. Larry McElroy
Pastor,
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Don't let whiners get their way

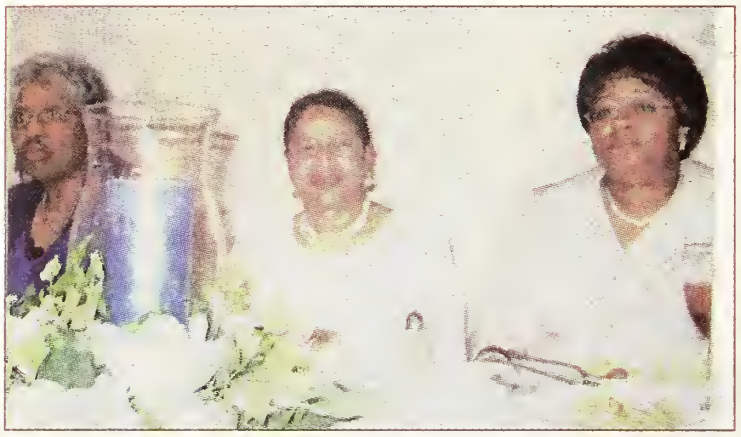
Advice to Pastors: "You cannot surrender the leadership of your church to whiners."

–Rick Warren

The Rowan Association Banquet









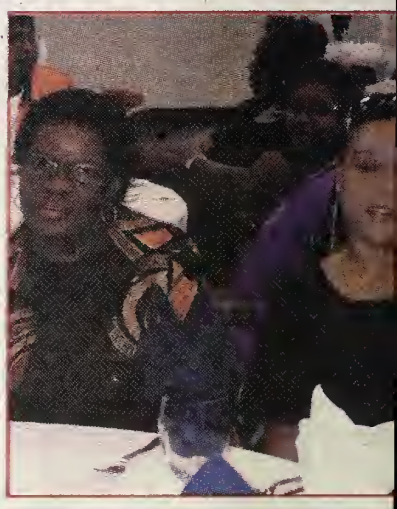












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When Judas, who had betrayed him, saw that Je
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blood." "What is that to us?" they replied. "That'
So Judas threw the money into the temple and l
picked up the coins and said, "It is against the law
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was condemned, he was seized with remorse and returned
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Then he went away and hanged himself. The chief priests
put this into the treasury, since it is blood money." So they
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Matthew 27:3-8

SE Regional Walter Cade Jr. Workshop

Mr. Theodore David, President NC State Laymen


Theodore **David**

Last year, the NC State Laymen gladly hosted the SE Regional Walter Cade Jr. Workshop at First Baptist Church in Raleigh NC. Laymen and their families from the five states within the SE Region came to Raleigh to support that event. Many NC Laymen and their families, NC Pastors, and choirs attended and/or supported and participated in that event.

This year, the SE Regional Walter Cade Jr. Workshop will be hosted by the Laymen in Palatka Florida, located near Jacksonville, Florida. The dates for the workshop are September 28, 29, and 30. The total costs for the trip are $125.00 plus transportation for a double room, and $195.00 plus transportation for a single room. That includes 2 nights hotel, all meals, all workshops and classes, etc.

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Passion for the Text

The Preacher's Passion
Dr. Alfonzo Fullwood


Dr. Al **Fullwood**

I would like to begin this conversation with the suggestion that the mechanics of preaching is not as important as the message preached. However, volumes of books on the homiletical selves suggest the contrary. Trends in preaching over the past several decades have shifted from propositional preaching to forms and methods designed to better suit audience listening. The reason for this preoccupation with the mechanics is related to a spiraling down of audience interest in preaching. Homileticians such as Fred Craddock, David Buttrick and Henry Mitchell are partnering other disciplines with homiletics and exploring communication dynamics aimed to create a hearing or listening event. They are forcing us to not just ask what to say in our preaching but how to say it. While these homileticians have made a substantial contribution in helping us understand the relationship between sermon forms/methods and listening; it has cause a shift in priorities. The focus is on the audience to the neglect of sermon substance. There has been a mass defection from substantive preaching, and amusing the audience through an entertainment homiletic is winning the loyalty of many preachers. The shift from substance (Word) to audience has also caused our passion to shift. Having a passion for the mechanics and art of preaching is not the equivalence of having a passion for the text. By mechanics I mean the way preaching is done in terms of its execution; by art I mean the creative expression of talent or skill in communicating the gospel.

Preaching involves proclamation of the gospel through the expression of human creativity in both visual and vocal forms. In this sense, preaching is viewed as a creative performing art, similar to music, singing, dancing and poetry. Our preaching displays great artistry to the delight of the audience. My use of the word audience is intentional. This represents the third shift. The term "congregation" has been replaced with the term "audience" on the premise that people want a "feel good experience through amusement." Today, "people want to be entertained not converted," says William H. Willimon (Willimon, p. 204). The actual act of preaching is moving towards performance-- to preach is to perform. In her insightful work, Performing the Word: Preaching as Theatre, Jana Childers shows the kinship between preachers and actors. She deals with preaching as performance, laying drama along side homiletics. Believing that there is a performance-based approach to preaching, she argues that it is necessary to draw on "the modi operandi of actors and their performance arts" (Childers p. 36-56). Because of this performing element, we should caution ourselves concerning an entertainment homiletic that aims to amuse and comfort only. Preaching like performing arts presupposes audience assumption. The artistry of preaching as in the Performing Arts does not exist for itself nor does it serve itself. It is for the audience benefit, their appreciation, joy, thrill, excitement, inspiration, conviction and transformation. Some feel that the audience is everything in the preaching moment (McDill p. 39). Exalting audience satisfaction over substantive content is honoring the audience above our Lord. Knowing your audience is necessary if your aim is to communicate effectively, but it is far better to provide a substantive word from the Lord. ■



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PREACHING SERIES

Romans 12:21



Michael R. **Smith**

I am announcing the "OVERCOMING EVIL WITH GOOD PREACHING SERIES". This preaching series will center on the "Christian Response to Crime and Incarceration". I believe it is critical for GBSC Churches to be educated, equipped, and inspired if we are to respond more effectively to at-risk youth, persons in prison, persons coming out of prison, and victims of crime. Therefore, I am praying for the Lord to open avenues for AIM to go around the state to declare these needed messages. There is so much misinformation being shared about crime and incarceration. Not only that, much of what is declared from our pulpits is not accurate or biblical based in directing our responses. I began working and ministering in the prison setting on July 11, 1979, almost 30 years ago. I have ministered as a prison Chaplain in both state (15 years) and federal prisons (last 13 years) all over the country. I am presently, the only African-American Chaplaincy Services Administrator in the Federal Bureau of Prisons, overseeing 35 prison Chaplains in 20 federal prisons in the Mid-Atlantic region (NC, VA, WVA, MD, KY, TN). I speak not as a volunteer or an occasional visitor in prison ministry, but as an experienced minister (28 years) in prisons who knows what it takes to make a difference. Most importantly, I have been called, graced, and equipped by God to minister to lives impacted by crime and incarceration. I am requesting GBSC moderators and Pastors to help me spread this preaching series around our state to get our Associations and Churches more involved. I encourage you to have an ANTI-CRIME & INCARCERATION DAY at your Church. Invite AIM to come share these Christian worldview messages in responding to the crime and incarceration crisis. As the new fiscal year begins, join us in taking AIM by supporting and allowing the "OVERCOMING EVIL WITH GOOD PREACHING" series to be heard in our GBSC Associations and Churches. Please see the preaching series flyer and share with others. We can make a greater difference if we work together as a team in tackling this crisis!

"The Christian Response To Crime & Incarceration"

The Anti-Crime & Incarceration Ministry is taking AIM at the crime and incarceration crisis in the state of North Carolina by preaching and teaching a series of messages dealing with crime, incarceration, at-risk youth and victims of crime. These series of messages are designed to educate, equip and inspire our churches to better respond to this crisis. Chairman Michael R. Smith, Sr., a national leading African-American clergyman in the field of crime and incarceration with 28 years of experience will be preaching these series of messages around the state of North Carolina. His heart's desire is to reach, reconcile, and restore lives impacted by crime and incarceration by equipping the local church. The time is now to take AIM at the crime crisis!

"INVITE HIM TO COME TO YOUR LOCAL CHURCH OR ASSOCIATION SO YOU CAN JOIN IN TAKING AIM AT CRIME & INCARCERATION"

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Dexter V. Perry,
Sr. Wealth Planner

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Mr. Dexter **Perry**

MMBB understands the unique blessings and challenges of the ministry, and supports plan members throughout their lives. Hallmarks include skilled professional money management, educational opportunities and service provided by responsive member service representatives. MMBB communications keep members and employers informed and in touch. MMBB knows the ministry, and MMBB cares.

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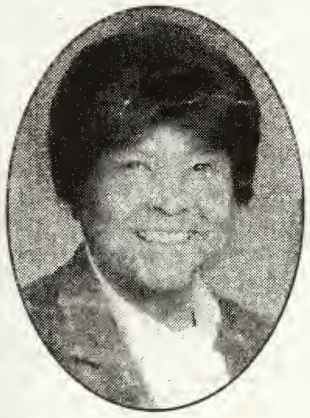
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Mrs. Gladys Irene Sherrill

Sunrise April 28, 1916-Sunset July19, 2007



Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going. *John 14:1-4*

Mrs. Gladys Irene Sherrill, was born in Iredell County, April 28, 1916, and was the daughter of the late Bynum Benjamin Neil and Bessie Scott Neil. She passed away, Thursday, July 19, 2007, at her residence.

She was a graduate of Morningside High School, Statesville, and Shaw University in Raleigh. She resided in Raleigh for over 40 years and was a member of First Baptist Church. Following her return to Statesville, she became a member of St. John Baptist Church. She was a member of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Otha L. Sherrill.

She leaves to cherish the memory of her life a step son, Otha L. (Jessie) Sherrill, Jr., of Black Mountain; a sister, Daisy Neil Ramseur of Statesville; a sister-in-law, Mabethel Sherrill of Troutman; four nieces, Lisa (Johnny) Myers, and Darlene W. Brown, both of Statesville, April Ramseur of Goldsboro, and a special niece, Michelle W. Hargrove of West Palm Beach Fl.; three nephews, Mark D. Rantseur of Statesville, Michael Flowers of Houston, TX., and Captain Nicholas Ramseur of Norfolk, Va.; special nurses, Vickie Compton and Darlene Brown, a special friend, Eloise Shuford; a host of cousins, other relatives, church family and friends.

Pastor Peter Cornell Holland, Jr.

Sunrise, July 2, 1930- Sunset July 22, 2007



Pastor Peter Cornell Holland Jr., 77, of 131 N. Dudley St., Greensboro, died Sunday, July 22, 2007, at Moses Cone Hospital. Funeral services were held 3 p.m. Thursday, July 26, 2007, at First Baptist Church, Kannapolis, with Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr., officiated. Burial, VA National Cemetery, Salisbury. Visitation was 7-8 p.m. Wednesday at New Light Baptist Church, Greensboro, and 2-3 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church.

Mr. Holland was born July 2, 1930, in Knoxville, Tenn., the son of Peter C. Holland Sr. and Fetta Spears Holland. Survivors include wife, Mildred Canada Holland; sons, Peter C. Holland III of Yanceyville, Derrick Holland of New Orleans, Frederick Smith of Germany, Eric Smith (Ella) of Shanghi, China, and Kenneth Smith (Kim) of Greensboro; grandchildren, Cornell, Mathew, Joshua, Timothy, Ahmodd, Josephine, Jonas, Amani, Tykla and Alex; sisters, Winefred Hyatt and Charlene Johnson of Knoxville, Carol Lowery of Houston, Margaret Miller and Sharon McCline of Chicago, and Amy Wynn of Buffalo, N.Y.; and nieces and nephews.

Pastor Holland attended Knoxville Elementary, Knoxville High School, Shaw University, Guilford College and Shaw Divinity School. He was the pastor of First Baptist Church in Kannapolis. He was a member of the Rotary Club. Pastor Holland served Lane Creek Association, serving as director of Christian education, member of the Ordained Counsel, served two terms as treasurer, teacher of the Adult Sunday School Class Quarterly, and an instructor of the Institute of Lanes Creek Association. He also served on the General and Executive Board of the General Baptist State Convention, serving as chairman on the Personnel Committee, and as an instructor of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education.

Lue R. Mosley

Sunrise March 28, 1940
Sunset July 26, 2007



Mrs. Lue Alva Riddick Mosley, died July 26, 2007.

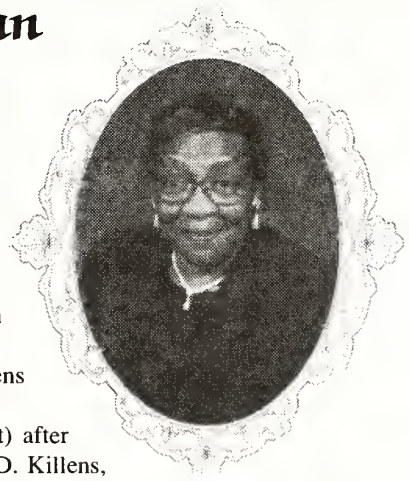
She was preceded in death by her parents, Lewis and Olivia Riddick; her brother, James Wallace Riddick; her sisters, Pearlene R. Thomas, Olivia R. White and Alice R. Alston.

She Leaves with Cherished memories her husband, Dr. Charles Mosley, of Ashville, NC; son, Ronald Mosley, of Greenville, SC, Louis Steven Riddick of Raleigh, NC; daughter, Antionette Mosley of Atlanta, GA; sisters, Annie R. Bunch, Cathy R. Hawkins (Cedric), Hattie R. Houston (Gabriel), Mamie Riddick all of Raleigh NC, Mary Etta R. Harrington,
(James) of Stone Mountain, GA; nephews, nieces, cousins and other relatives, and friends.

She joined Saint Matthew Baptist Church, of Raleigh at a young age, and was a very active member. She attended the Raleigh/Wake County Public Schools, graduating from the then Ligon High School.

Mrs. Mosley received her bachelor's degree from Shaw University and her master's degree from NC State A&T University. She later taught in the Pitt County, and Mecklenburg County Public Schools. She was a teacher with the Asheville City School System and retired after 30 years of employment.
A memorial service was held, at 11:00 a.m. Monday, July 30, 2007 at Nazareth First Baptist Church, 146 Pine Street, Ashville, NC.

Mrs. Dorothy Jean Hill Killens



Deaconess Dorothy Jean Hill Killens was born on February 2, 1934. She was the daughter of the late Dennis and Gurlie Hill. She was called to her heavenly home on July 28, 2007.

Deaconess Killens Joined Antioch Baptist Church, Proctorville, North Carolina at an early age. Deaconess Killens later moved her membership to Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (First Baptist) after uniting in marriage with Deacon Thomas D. Killens, Jr.

Dorothy was educated in the Proctorville School and Rosenwald School systems. Dorothy was joined in holy matrimony on June 16, 1950 to Thomas D, Killens, Jr., To this union five children were born.

Dorothy Jean was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years of marriage, Thomas D. Killens, Jr... She was also preceded in death by one child Baby Boy Killens; three sisters Henrietta Hill, Magdaline Hill, and Eddie Brown Hill; and three brothers Palmer Hill, Russell Hill, and 0. H. Hill.

She leaves to continue her legacy and cherish her memories three sons Talmadge Killens , High Point, NC., Thomas Wendell (Wanda) Killens, Whiteville. NC., Alexander (Deborah) Killens, Raleigh, NC and one Daughter Dale Killens Rogers (Perry) Fairmont, NC. Eight grandchildren Shilbe Thompson McGee, James Thompson (Vanessa), Thomas Rogers, Cedric Rogers all of Fairmont, NC. Antonio Mote McCallum, Joy Killens, Jenee Killens all of Raleigh, NC. Makayla Killens of Whiteville, NC. Three great-grandchildren Jacquanette Thompson, Shemilla Thompson and Danielle Moore all of Fairmont, NC. One great-great grandson Jacquez Thompson of Fairmont, NC. One sister Mary Ruth 1-lill Atkinson of Fairmont, NC and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

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The deadline to submit resumes is September 30, 2007.

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First Baptist Missionary Church is seeking candidates for the position of senior pastor. The church is located in a small town which is beautiful Fuquay Varina. The present sanctuary was just remodeled in April 2007. The historical African American Church has a 95 year history with approximately 200 members. More demographic information about First Baptist is available upon request.

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Must exhibit the fruit of the spirit in everyday living

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Must be a good steward of the Word of God and church resources

The list of qualifications is not inclusive, but serves as a brief synopsis of what we expect of a pastor as we build First Baptist Missionary Church to be the church that God will choose when he comes back.

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Name, address and telephone number of prior and current church affiliations
Proof of religious credentials (license or ordination)
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The requested resume package must be postmarked by October 31, 2007 and sent to:
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Dr. William H. Curtis serves as senior pastor of the 8,500 member Mount Ararat Baptist Church in Pittsburgh, PA. He is a graduate of Morgan State University having received a B.A. in religious studies and philosophy, an M. Div from Howard University School of Divinity and received the D. Min degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Curtis currently serves as the president of the Hampton University Minister's Conference. He serves as Vice-Chair of the Sports and Exhibition Authority in Pittsburgh and is a board member of the Urban League of Pittsburgh. He serves on the African American Leadership Committee and is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. Dr. Curtis is married to Christine Y. Curtis and they are proud parents of one daughter, Houston M. Curtis.

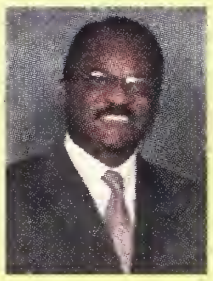
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"To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced...through Education, Missions and Fellowship," Matthew 28:19-20

By Reverend Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr.
President GBSC

Greetings my beloved General Baptist family. As I pen this article, I am in the air returning from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the site of the National Baptist Convention, Inc.'s annual session.



Rev. Dr. Gregory K. **Moss, Sr.**

It was good to see General Baptist enumerated among the thousands in attendance. It is a wonderful feeling to see other General Baptist when traveling in different venues. It bespeaks well of our fellowship. President Shaw's address was the highlight as he revisited the "VISA" (vision, integrity, structure, integrity). He highlighted several challenges facing the convention and issued a challenge to those who desire to succeed him as president. As one would expect, the convention's atmosphere was abuzz with talk of the '09 election. Candidates are declaring their intentions and are seeking the support of potential voters. In my estimation, the next election will prove critical to the National Convention's ability to become more relevant and responsive to the challenges and issues facing our people (churches) at home and globally. Dr. Shaw, his successor and those who serve us are challenged to move "VISA" or the next theme to become practical, pragmatic and specific as it relates to mission and ministry if they are going to seriously affect our communities. We are the salt of the earth.

With this in mind, I issue a call to all pastors, church representatives, moderators (or their appointees), state auxiliary leaders, General Board and Executive Committee members to attend and participate in our up-coming annual session at Union Baptist Church on Roxboro Street in Durham, North Carolina. We need your presence and support. Our session is designed to inform and inspire all who attend with worship, workshops, seminars, materials and fellowship. Our facilitators are well prepared and ready to impart information with the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Please see an outline of activities in this issue provided by Executive Secretary Gray. I encourage each pastor and church to look over the schedule of events and bring delegates/representatives to take advantage of these tremendous seminars and workshops that can and will prove fruitful to your ministries. Just think, quality seminars/workshops right in our own state, sponsored by our own convention, presented at a fraction of the cost of traveling around the nation.

Let us support our convention activities as we work to build stronger churches to do more effective ministry.

Finally, a word to our General Board members. Remember the personal commitments we made in our last board meeting. They are due by or at annual session. We cannot expect to lead from the rear. We expect our leaders to lead by example as we seek to convince the unconvinced to be convinced. Looking forward to seeing each of you during annual session.

May God bless you and may God bless the General Baptist State Convention. ■

140th Annual Session of the GBSC - Oct. 28 - 31st



Dr. Haywood T. **Gray**

Dr. Haywood T. Gray
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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Rev. Dr. Charles E. Booth, *Pastor*
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Special note: The President' Annual Sermon will conclude the 140th Annual Session on Wednesday night, October 31, 2007.

Special Lectures and Workshops

- "Grant Writing and Grant Procurement"
- "Reaching for Persons on the Margins: The Challenge of Homelessness"
- "Helping the Church Find Her Prophetic Voice: The Call for Social Justice and Action"
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Special Event include

- "The Peoples Banquet"
- "President's Reception"
- "Pastor's Breakfast" ■

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October

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The Youth Evangelism Conference
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The Conference starts at, **9:00 am on Saturday, November 3, 2007**



October 28, 2007

2007 Annual Session
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INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

EVENT	COST	QUANTITY	AMOUNT
Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet 10/11/2007 Site TBA, 7 pm	$40.00		$
Alumni Banquet * 10/12/2007 Sheraton Capital Center, 7 pm	$70.00		$
NAA Dues (January 1-December 31)#	$50.00 Please make separate check payable to SUNAA#		$
Homecoming Souvenir Bag	$10.00		$
ANNUAL FUND	Please make separate check payable to Shaw University		$
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED			$

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Dr. Nilous **Avery, II**

To the holy and faithful sisters and brothers in Christ of the General Baptist family: Grace and peace to you from God our head-lifter, soul-keeper, peace-provider, and eternal refuge. I thank God because I have "heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints…" (Colossians 1:4, NIV). I thank God because in the midst of a world that often encourages and embraces a "look out for #1" attitude, the body of Christ continues to serve as a model of true stewardship.

Christian stewardship is based upon the principle that God is the owner and we are managers of God's creation. The psalmist clearly states: "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it…" (Psalm 24:1). The spiritual body of Jesus the Christ, the church, was founded upon the principle of loving and giving. God so loved the world that God gave Jesus, God's only son, to the world and for the world (John 3:16).

Christian living is based upon loving and giving. One Old Testament prophet suggested that the failure to give a certain percentage of one's possessions for God's work was thievery and robbery --- stealing from God what rightfully belonged to God (Malachi 3:8-10). Jesus the Christ taught His followers to give, promising them rich spiritual blessings in return (Luke 6:38). The apostle Paul implored Christians to give to God's work, not reluctantly or grudgingly, but with a cheerful, grateful, purposeful, and liberal heart (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Most individuals, particularly Christians, must be challenged to be and become better stewards (managers) of all that God has enabled them to possess. Can others see in us the desire and motivation to serve as the very presence of the Christ here on earth? In other words:

- Our confession must be matched by our character;
- Our profession must be matched by our performance;
- Our shouting must be matched by our sharing;
- Our church service must be matched by our community service;
- Our worship must be matched by our work and witness;
- Our living must be matched by our giving;
- Our forgiveness from God must be matched by our forgiveness of others;
- Our upreach must be matched by our outreach;
- Our claim of inner grace must be matched by our outward show of goodness toward others;
- Our words from our mouths must be matched by our willingness to work in ministry and missions;
- Our blessings from God must be matched by our blessings shared with others!

Jesus reminds us that we are surrounded by individuals needing to experience the helping and healing hands of Christian stewards who are committed to the cause of the Christ (Matthew 25:35-36). I am confident that the General Baptist family is a collection of individuals, churches, and associations who are faithful stewards shining as lights to help others catch glimpses of God's truth and love in action.

Shine today by becoming a generous, prayerful, and financial supporter of State Missions and other objectives of our Convention. Please endeavor to become a beacon of light in the work of God through your sacrificial support of the General Baptist State Convention, which invests generously in convincing "the Unconvinced to be Convinced… through Education, Missions and Fellowship.".

"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love to all of you in Christ.

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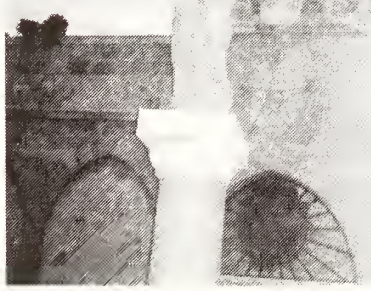
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"...The Family Standing In Love"

Mrs. Bronnie Daniels
President, WBH & FMC

"But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him."
I John 2:5



Bronnie **Daniels**

We are grateful to God and all of you who shared with the Woman's Convention during the immediate past fiscal year.

We are grateful to God and Host Pastor Cartwight and First Zion Baptist Church, Chadbourn, who served as hosts to the Family Missions Conference, on Saturday, September 26, 2007.

2007 YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

On Saturday, November 3, 2007, at 9:00 A.M., the Annual Youth Evangelism Conference of the Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention will convene at the Ashbrook High School, hosted by Gaston County Missionary Union. (See graphic announcement in this issue.)

Youth (along with supervisors, pastors, and parents) of churches, union, auxiliaries, and district conferences should come to this event. Youth and others need to bring their Bibles and liberal offerings and pray to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Supervisor Louise Lassiter and the Youth Department envision a sacrificial service in Christ Jesus. Singing, praying, speaking, preaching, teaching, witnessing, confessing, worshipping, fellowshipping will occur. Please come and share in this experience of evangelism.

INSTITUTES

Last year many of you participated in institutes under the auspices of the Woman's Convention. It is now time to begin Christian missionary studies for the new year's institutes. The books recommended for this year's study are: Trusted Stewardship (Seniors and Young Adults); Jesusology (Youth, 12-20); Name that Bible Character (Youth, 9-11); Hurry Up Noah (Youth 6-8); David & Other Bible Heroes (Youth Birth-5). Persons/organizations interested in having these studies may contact the Woman's Convention for these books and also for certified persons as instructors for the institute.

INSTITUTE WORKERS' CLINIC

On Saturday, October 13, 2007, at 10:00 A.M., will be the annual workshop session for and with the corps of WBH&FMC certified institute workers. All of the certified persons are requested to come and share in this event.

PRAYER MONTH FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

October is the month set aside to emphasize prayer for the Shaw Divinity School and Shaw University.

BAPTIST WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Monday, November 5, 2007, the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer is observed. Using a free published "Day of Prayer Program", women from Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Europe, Latin America, North America, and South West Pacific, usually near 11:00 A.M., meet at different locations on their respective continent. You are invited to share in this global prayer meeting in your local churches. Secure now free copies of the program from the Office so that you can prepare for the prayer session in November. Please indicate the number of copies you will need.

MISSIONS BUDGET

The new fiscal year began September 1, 2007 and ends in August 31, 2008. The proposed budget this year will be near $803,325, which will be distributed among the objectives. Checks and money orders should be made payable and sent to the Woman's Baptist State Convention or Woman's Baptist Home And Foreign Missionary Convention, P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT !!!!
The WBH&FMC WESTERN ASSEMBLY
(All Persons, named in purpose, from Districts I, II, & III)

"Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand."
II Corinthians 1:24

Introductory Statement: For many a year the Woman's Convention has envisioned having getting acquainted/visionary meetings in different regions across the state. Thus under the leadership of President Daniels, the Woman's Convention seeks to implement this initiative.

Purpose(s): To inform pastors, church circles, missionary county unions, district conferences, auxiliaries, interested persons of the Mission of Jesus Christ through the Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Auxiliary to GBSC, in assisting witnessing and missions-in action across the state, country, and globe

To allow interaction or dialogue between WBH&FMC officials/representatives and the above mentioned constituency in four (4) different settings across the state (one setting per quarter)

To renew and/or cultivate new partners of missions for the Cause of Jesus Christ through with the Woman's Convention



Dr. Priscilla **Brodie**

Date:
November 17, 2007
Time:
9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
Place:
TBA
Contact Person: TBA
Telephone Number:

Suggested Format: (To be prepared by WBH&FMC)
Inspirational Period (local participants)
Greetings (local participants)
Presentation (WBH&FMC officials/representatives)
Congregation Interaction
Sermon (a local pastor)
Altar Call (a local pastor)
Benediction

Attendees: All above named persons in Districts I, II, & III

District Chairpersons:

District	Group	Chairperson
1	1	Vacant
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70 Uses for Vinegar

VINEGAR FOR PERSONAL CARE

• Vinegar in the bath. Add one-half cup of vinegar or so to warm bath water when bathing and get double benefits: softer skin and a cleaner bathtub with less work!

• Hair conditioner. Vinegar makes a simple, inexpensive conditioner for your hair and helps remove the sticky stuff shampoo can leave behind. About a tablespoon will do it.

• Dandruff treatment. Simply pour a few tablespoons of vinegar on your hair and massage into your scalp. Wait a few minutes, then rinse and wash hair like normal. Try this for a few days until you see results.

•Weight loss. Vinegar naturally helps to remove fat from the body. Apple cider vinegar is especially good for this. Drink some in a glass of water a few times a day. Add a little lemon or honey for a nicer flavor. This will also help reduce your appetite.

• Dry skin repair. Smooth a little vinegar on cracked, dried skin to help it heal.

• Clean dentures. Soak dentures overnight in Heinz White Vinegar, then brush away tartar with a toothbrush.

• Facial spritzer. Mix apple cider vinegar and water in a 1:1 ratio in a spray bottle. Refreshing!

• Hair cleanser. Use one cup of vinegar in some warm water to rinse your hair after you shampoo. Vinegar adds highlights to brunette hair, restores the acid mantle and removes soap film and sebum oil.

VINEGAR FOR CLEANING

• Glass cleaner. Mixed with water or simply sprayed full strength on glass and mirrors, vinegar does a great job quickly and easily. Spray on and wipe windows dry with crumpled-up newspapers, and watch your windows sparkle.

• Car cleaner. Use vinegar full strength to polish car chrome with a cloth, and see it shine! Use it on your car's windshield and windows, too.

• Clean drinking glasses. Soak cloudy drinking glasses in warmed white vinegar for a few hours to remove the film. Simply wipe clean, rinse and dry.

• Clean the washer. Periodically run a gallon of distilled vinegar through your washing machine to clean it thoroughly, get rid of soap scum and clear out the hoses. Run the machine through the warm water wash cycle empty and then add the vinegar during the rinse cycle.

• Furniture polish. Make your own furniture polish with one part vinegar and three parts lemon oil or olive oil.

• Remove price tags or stickers. Paint stickers with several coats of vinegar and let it soak in. Depending what you are removing them off, most will slide off easily but some may require a little heavier rubbing.

• Clean the iron. Pour vinegar into your iron's water compartment and let the iron steam itself clean. Remember to flush it with water when you are done.

• Clean paintbrushes. Simmer paint brushes in pure vinegar, then wash in hot soapy water.

• Wash walls. Wipe down your walls with a vinegar-water mixture, which helps absorb odors and clean surfaces.

• Remove spots from glass. Use a vinegar-soaked cloth to remove spots from glassware or crystal.

• Unclog drains. Pour boiling white vinegar down clogged drains to remove the clog.

• Clean jars. Remove odors and stains from jars by cleaning them out with vinegar.

• Clean old lunchboxes. Soak a piece of bread in vinegar and let it sit in the lunchbox overnight.

• Clean and deodorize the garbage disposal. Make vinegar ice cubes and feed them down the disposal. After grinding, run cold water.

• Clean the tea pot. Boil a mixture of water and vinegar in the teapot. Wipe away the grime.

• Clean the dishwasher. Run a cup of vinegar through the whole cycle once a month to reduce soap build-up on the inner mechanisms and on glassware.

• Clean the microwave. Boil a solution of 1/4 cup of vinegar and 1 cup of water in the microwave. This mixture will loosen splattered-on food and deodorize the microwave.

• Remove smoke smells from clothing. Add a cup of vinegar to a bath tub of hot water. Hang clothes above the steam.

(VINEGAR, continued next page)

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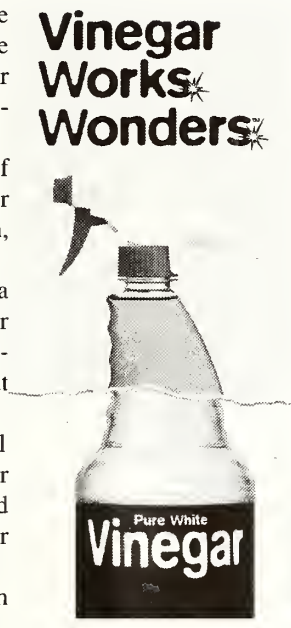
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(VINEGAR, from page 6)

• Clean eyeglasses. Wipe each lens with a drop of vinegar.
• Remove stains from furniture and upholstery. Remove stubborn stains from furniture upholstery and clothes. Apply Heinz White Vinegar directly to the stain, then wash as directed by the manufacturer's instructions.
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• Remove rust. Soak the rusted tool, bolt or spigot overnight in undiluted Heinz White Vinegar.
• Clean the toilet bowl. Pour in one cup of Heinz White Vinegar, let stand for five minutes and flush.
• Brighten fabrics. Add 1/2 cup of vinegar to the rinse cycle.
• Natural cleaning wipes. A cloth soaked with vinegar sanitizes kitchen counters, stove and bathroom surfaces. This is just as effective as antibacterial products and does not promote resistant strains of bacteria like commercial products can. This is also a cheaper and greener way to protect your loved ones.
• Remove lint from laundry. Add 1/2 cup of vinegar to the rinse cycle.
• Remove grease from suede. Dip a toothbrush in vinegar and gently brush over grease spot.
• Remove perspiration stains from clothing. Apply one part vinegar to four parts water, then rinse.
• Clean coffee or tea stains from china. A mixture of salt and vinegar will clean coffee and tea stains from chinaware.
• Clean coffeepots and coffee makers. Vinegar can help to dissolve mineral deposits that collect in automatic drip coffee makers. Fill the reservoir with vinegar and run it through a brewing cycle. Rinse thoroughly with water when the cycle is finished.
• Longer-lasting pantyhose. Add one tablespoon of vinegar to the rinse water when washing, and your pantyhose will last longer.

VINEGAR FOR FOOD AND COOKING

• Cheese storage. Cheese will last longer if you store it in a vinegar-soaked cloth.
• Whiter cauliflower. Add a teaspoon or so of white vinegar to your cooking water while cooking cauliflower. It will retain a whiter color.
• Stretch ketchup. Only have a little ketchup left in the bottle? Add a bit of vinegar and give it a good shake -- you'll have a bit more!
• Boiling eggs. Add a bit of white vinegar to the water you're boiling your eggs in, and the shells won't crack.
• Cooking cabbage. Add a bit of vinegar to the water you're cooking your cabbage in to remove that stinky cabbage smell.
• Fluffier meringues. Add 1 teaspoon of vinegar for every three egg whites, and you'll have fluffier meringues.
• Tenderize meat. Soak in vinegar overnight.
• Unsticky rice. To cook rice without sticking, add a spoonful of vinegar.
• Remove onion odors. Eliminate onion odor on your skin by rubbing vinegar on your fingers before and after slicing.
• Disinfect and clean cutting boards. Clean and disinfect wood cutting boards by wiping with full-strength vinegar.
• Make buttermilk. Add a tablespoon of vinegar to a cup of milk and let it stand five minutes to thicken.



VINEGAR FOR GARDENING AND YARD CARE

• Clean clay pots. Remove white salt buildup on old clay pots by soaking them in full-strength vinegar.
• Kill grass. Undiluted vinegar kills grass between bricks and sidewalk cracks.
• Kill weeds. Spray full strength on weeds, but be careful not to spray it on the surrounding grass because it will kill that, too.
• Deter ants. Spray vinegar around doors, appliances and along other areas where ants are known to gather.
• Keep cats away. Sprinkle vinegar in areas you don't want the cat walking, sleeping or scratching.
• Freshen cut flowers. Add 2 tablespoons of vinegar and 1 teaspoon sugar for each quart of water.

VINEGAR FOR HEALTH CARE

• Soothe sore throats. Suffering from a sore throat? Mix a teaspoon of vinegar with a glass of water. Gargle with the mixture and then swallow.
• Remove calluses. Try soaking your feet in a combination of white vinegar and warm water nightly, and watch your feet soften noticeably.
• Sunburn and bee stings. Soak a washcloth in vinegar and gently apply it to sunburned skin for cool relief. Reapply as needed as it evaporates. Besides sunburn, vinegar also soothes the itch and irritation of bee stings.
• Arthritis tonic. Take two tablespoons of apple cider vinegar in a glass of water several times a day.
• Jellyfish stings. Dot the irritation with vinegar to relieve itching.
• Sinus infections and head colds. Add I/4 cup or more vinegar to the vaporizer.
• Wart removal. Mix one part Heinz Apple Cider Vinegar to one part glycerin into a lotion, and apply daily to warts until they dissolve.
• Soothe an upset stomach. Drink two teaspoons of Heinz Apple Cider Vinegar in one cup of water to soothe an upset stomach.
• Mosquito bites. Use a cotton ball to dab mosquito and other bug bites with Heinz Vinegar straight from the bottle.

VINEGAR FOR PETS AND ANIMALS

• Pet drinking water. Add a teaspoon of vinegar to your pet's drinking water to encourage a shinier coat and reduce odor.
• Stop your cat's scratching furniture. Sprinkle or spray vinegar on areas you don't want the cat scratching.
• Fish bowl cleaner. Eliminate that ugly deposit in the gold fish tank by rubbing it with a cloth dipped in vinegar and rinsing well.
• Remove pet stains from carpets. Blot up urine with a soft cloth, flush several times with lukewarm water, and then apply a mixture of equal parts vinegar and cool water. Blot up, rinse and let dry.

RESOURCES:

The Healing Powers of Vinegar, Revised and Updated by Cal Orey
Bragg Healthy Lifestyle: Vital Living to 120!! by Patricia Bragg
Amazing Apple Cider Vinegar by Earl Mindell
The Miracle of Fasting: Proven Throughout History for Physical, Mental & Spiritual Rejuvenation by Patricia Bragg

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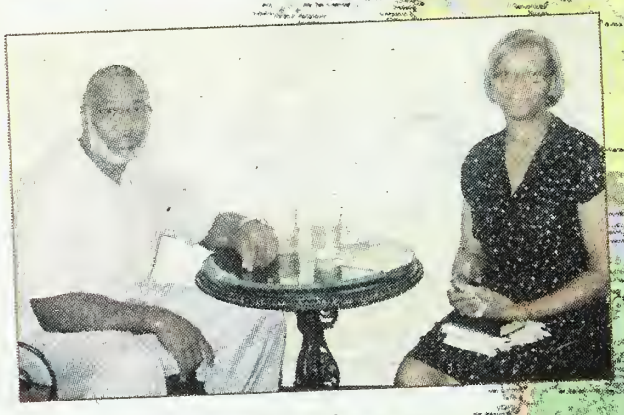
















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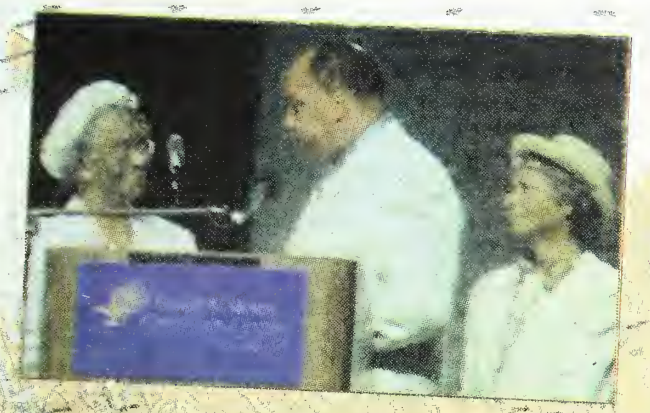
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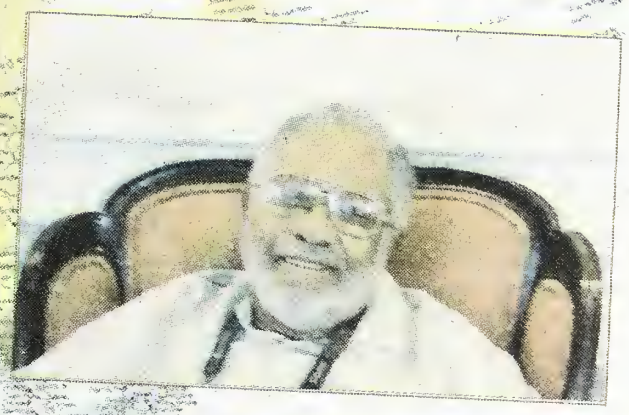
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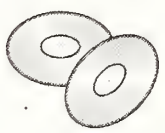
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Local Church Installs New Pastor

Sunday, May 6, 2007 at 4:00 p.m., the Rev. Dr. Joseph C. Lovelace, was officially installed as the pastor of Progressive Missionary Baptist Church. The church is located at 2504 Creech Road in southeast Raleigh. The Installation Day began with Rev. Derrick McDonald, from Bloomfield, Michigan, as guest preacher at the 11:00 a.m. service. Rev. Daniel Sanders, Moderator of the Wake Association, and Pastor of Springfield Baptist Church, Raleigh, along with his choir, congregation rendered service for The Installation Ceremony at 4:00 p.m. Rev. Mary Heggie, Pastor of First Philadelphia Christian Center, Raleigh, was the Presider. Representatives from the Wake Association, the General Baptist State Convention and ministers from local and community churches were also on program. Dinner was served following the morning service.

Dr. Lovelace is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army and a Progressive National Baptist Convention, Incorporated, endorsed chaplain. He is a past Executive Board member of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (GBSC) and has pastored churches in the convention. He also served on the Prison Ministry, Evangelism Committee of the GBSC, and Board of Trustees as a student body president of the Shaw Divinity School.

Dr. Lovelace completed his Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) studies at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC; Master of Divinity (M.Div.), Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, NC, Doctor of Divinity Degree (D.D.), Tennessee School of Religion, Detroit, MI; Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Tuskegee University, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Dr. Lovelace was ordained in 1985 by the Wake Baptist Association of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina at the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Raleigh, NC.

Dr. Lovelace and his family have been members of Progressive Missionary Baptist church for several years. He and his wife Naomi (Spence of Dunn, NC) have 3 children and one grandchild. Mrs. Lovelace, a retired educator, is president of the Raleigh and Vicinity Association of the International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows, Inc. (Interdenominational). They have been residents of Raleigh for over 30 years.



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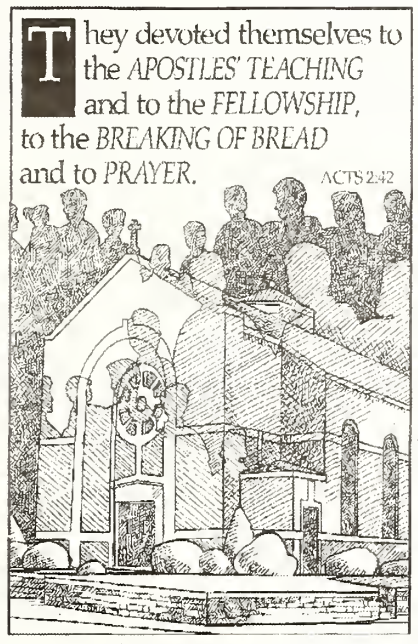
Fresh Water For A Thirsty Generation

Reverend Anthonette Wright, M.Div.
Recording Secretary and Evangelism Ministry


Rev. Anthonette **Wright**

Evangelism is a serious matter in the 21st Century, especially for the young African-American youth. The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. is concerned about these youth and all souls who are in search of a place and a purpose in Christ Jesus. The Evangelism Ministry of the convention has been challenged to adhere to crux of this year's theme, CONVINCE THE UNCONVINCED TO BE CONVINCED.

Evangelism has been determined as an activity whereby a Christian explains or presents the Christian gospel of Jesus the Christ to one seen as a non-Christian, with the intention of enabling that person to respond to this by becoming a Christian. Christians are regularly typified in regards to evangelism as "...one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread."



Fresh water for a thirsty generation is what the Evangelism Ministry is bringing to all regions of North Carolina. It began this past April in Raleigh as we reached out into the city to reclaim backsliders, rescue the lost, feed the hungry and set at liberty those who are captive. The Annual Evangelism Conference convened at the St. Matthew Baptist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina where Pastor Ronald Avery and the church family helped to make the efforts of evangelism a phenomenal experience. Instructors gave insight on true evangelism and what it takes to evangelize in the 21st Century. How to bring fresh water to a thirsty generation and what the convention can do today to win a soul to Christ. Evangelism was not just a part of our learning, but it was put into action. We hit the streets and went to the Raleigh Rescue Mission. We fed the hungry and witnessed to the lost. It is such a rewarding feeling to do as Christ commanded, taking the gospel to the lost and showing compassion for those who need help in caring for themselves. Then after working in the field, it is always good to get a good meal to prepare for future journeys. So each evening the house was filled with powerful singing and prolific preaching as the Reverend Dr. J. Michael Sanders, the pastor of Fountain Baptist Church of Summit, New Jersey brought rhema from heaven.

The Bible remains true. The harvest is ripe and the labors are few. We dare not disappoint God, but we will work while it is day for soon it will be dark and no man can work. Therefore we rejoice in God for the great things He has done and will do in evangelism. This is only a glimpse of what God has in store for the body of Christ as we work together to build God's Kingdom. Stay tuned for more to come. ■



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A. Must be a member of a church that is currently registered wth the Convention and the Congress of Christian Education.

B. Must be a prospective high school graduate in the year of the application or currently enrolled in an accredited undergraduate college/unversity, vocational, or seminary program

C. Must use funds for undergraduate studies

]D. Must have a grade point average (G.P.A.) of at least 2.0

E. Must be a full time student and/or present documentation of registration as a full time student

F. Must be a member in good standing of a church that has registered in the last session of the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education (Please provide proof of registration with application)
G. Must have attended Christian Education classes (Sunday School and/or Bible Study) in the local church

H. Must participate in the overall life of the church

I. Must participate in a community activity

Those Graduating In Our Church



Fed give approval: Same-day registration set to begin next month in NC

The U.S. Department of Justice allowing North Carolina to implement new procedures that will let a citizen register and vote on the same day during the early voting period before any election held on or after October 9th, according to written authorization received by the State Board of Elections.

Early voting for cities with October elections begins September 20 and continues until October 6 at county board of elections offices or at a nearby building. Some counties provide additional sites, but in the low-volume municipal elections held in October and November, many are not open until the final week before an election. The approval letter comes as the final chapter in a multi-year campaign by voting rights groups to make voting more accessible and secure, especially for young people and others who move frequently or who have inflexible work schedules and transportation options.

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The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards

Deadline: October 31, 2007
The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards honor young people in grades 5 through 12 who have demonstrated exemplary voluntary service to their communities. Maximum Award: $5,000.

Best Communities Competition

Deadline: November 2, 2007
The 100 Best Communities Competition is an annual competition that recognizes outstanding community-wide efforts that improve the well-being of youth. Winning communities gain national recognition and media exposure; eligibility to participate in the request for proposal process for $300,000 in grant funds; and more.

Afro-American Life and History Essay Contest

Amount:	$500
Deadline:	January 1
Criteria:	Undergraduate/graduate student in first two years interested in African-American studies. Deadlines are January and May of each year.

To request an application or for more information please contact:

Association for the Student of Afro-American Life & History, Inc.
1407 Fourteenth St., NW
Washington, DC 20005-3704
(202) 667-2822

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Amount:	$1,500
Deadline:	April 30
Criteria:	Must be a Black U.S. Citizen. This award is need-based and renewable. Three letters of recommendation, transcripts and evidence of full time enrollment required

To request an application or for more information please contact:

National Assistance for Advancement of Colored People
Education Department
4805 Mount Hope Dr.
Baltimore, MD 21215
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Criteria:	Undergraduate or graduate students who have completed at least one year in an accredited degree granting institution or a work-in-progress program in a non-institutional setting, are planning to continue their program of education and can demonstrate financial need. Scholarship is non-renewable.

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Alpha Kappa Alpha
Attn: Educational Advancement Foundation
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Chicago, IL 60637
(312) 947-0026
Fax: (312) 947-0277

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Amount:	$1,000
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To request an application or for more information please contact:

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American Chemical Society Minority Scholars Program

Amount:	$2,500 - $5,000
Deadline:	February 28
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Minority Scholarships
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Amount:	$4,000
Deadline:	December 1
Criteria:	For female students in the fields of mathematics, natural, environmental, computer, physical and life sciences.

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Sigma Delta Epsilon / Graduate Women in Science, Inc.
P.O. Box 19947
San Diego, CA 92159
(619) 583-4856

Email: dcbrown@crash.cts.com

GBSC

REPRESENTATION FORM

2007 ANNUAL SESSION

October 29 - October 31, 2007

Union Baptist Church - 904 N. Roxboro Street - Durham, NC

Date: _____ *Church Membership:* ☐

Name of Church: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

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Representation	(Based on size of Congregation)	
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Pastor's Signature: _____ Phone: _____

Clerk's Signature: _____ Phone: _____

140th Annual Session Representation

October 29 - 31, 2007

PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 15, 2007

On-site registration begins October 29 at 11:00 a.m.

1. You may register on-site for this session. Registration will begin at 11:00 a.m. on October 29 at Union Baptist Church (904 N. Roxboro Street, Durham). **Checks should be made payable to GBSC.**

2. If you wish to pre-register, you may do so. Your pre-registration form must be received at the Baptist Headquarters (603 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601) by noon on October 15. Any forms received after this date will be processed on-site.

3. If your Church will not attend or represent at this session, you may send your representation fee and your contribution for State Missions to the Baptist Headquarters (603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, NC 27601).

4. The following chart outlines the Constitutional requirements for representation. Please use this chart to determine the amount you must pay to represent and the number of messengers that your Church is entitled to send to this session.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP	AMOUNT TO REPRESENT	NUMBER OF MESSENGERS
1 -- 50 Members	$20.00	2 Messengers
51 – 100 Members	$35.00	3 Messengers
101 – 250 Members	$50.00	4 Messengers
251 – 500 Members	$75.00	5 Messengers
501 – 750 Members	$100.00	6 Messengers
751 – 1000 Members	$125.00	7 Messengers
1001 and above	$150.00	8 Messengers

5. You are entitled to send the number of persons indicated above based on the size of your Church and your representation fee. Each person listed on your registration form as a messenger is entitled to 1 badge and 1 registration kit. Additional persons may register for a fee of $10.00 per person. In addition to the representation fees above, your Church is asked to send a contribution for State Missions. The amount to be sent for State Missions is left up to your Church.

6. This form must be signed.

7. You may name up to three alternate messengers in the event that someone you have selected is not be able to attend.

8. Registration forms must be accompanied by the appropriate fee.

9. No lost registration badges will be re-issued.

The Mosley and Riddick Families



The Mosley and Riddick Families wish to thank all organizations, churches, (local, state, and national), friends and the membership of Nazareth First Missionary Baptist Church, Asheville, NC for sharing in the celebration of the life of (wife, mother, sister, friend), Lue Riddick Mosley.

Mrs. Lue R. Mosley

May the Lord repay you for what you have done and for what you continue to do. All will be richly rewarded by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge. *Ruth 2:12 NIV*

Husband: Dr. Charles R. Mosley, Sr.
Son: Charles Ronald Mosley, Jr.
Daughter: S. Antannette Mosley

Brother Charles Ronald Mosley

Through the Wise providence of the Almighty, another young man is coming forth to declare the unsearchable riches of the Gospel. He is the son of the late Mrs. Lue R. Mosley and Dr. Charles R. Mosley.

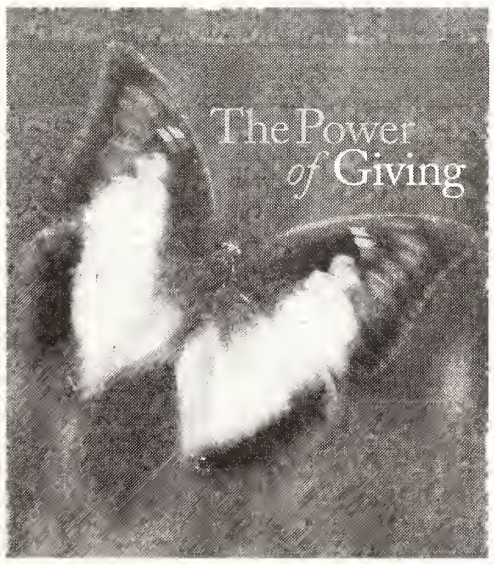
The event will take place on Sunday, October 14, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. at the Nazareth First Missionary Baptist Church, Asheville, N.C. Please join us in this spiritual excitement as Brother Charles Ronald Mosley embark upon this new adventure for his Master and Lord.



40th Anniversary of the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly

2007 marks the 40th Anniversary of the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill, North Carolina. The generosity of the late Dr. and Mrs.s Joy J. Johnson made possible the development of what is now affectionately known as "The Camp." Across four decades, the Baptist Assembly has been the site for numerous gatherings of Baptists from across the state. The J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly is tightly woven into the fabric of who we are as North Carolina General Baptists.

After 40 years, the Baptist Assembly has rising maintenance costs. Over the past three fiscal years, the General State Baptist Convention and the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention have invested just over $180,000.00 for maintenance, upkeep and operation of the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly. Those costs are projected to increase as maintenance and upkeep continue to rise.



I am asking Baptist of goodwill to make a contribution of $40.00 to commemorate the 40th Anniversary of J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly. While this seems to be a small donation for one person, it will go far toward helping us meet the maintenance and upkeep needs of "The Camp" when the multitude of General Baptist respond. Please send your contribution before October 31 (or, if you prefer, you may bring it to the Annual Session in Durham).

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919-552-9150

First Baptist Missionary Church is seeking candidates for the position of senior pastor. The church is located in a small town which is beautiful Fuquay Varina. The present sanctuary was just remodeled in April 2007. The historical African American Church has a 95 year history with approximately 200 members. More demographic information about First Baptist is available upon request.

The candidate should exemplify the biblically based pastoral leadership qualities found in **I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus. Must be a born again Christian, led by the Spirit of God, have a fear of God, and exhibit behavior that consistently demonstrates obedience to God**

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Must be proven church leader and communicator with the ability to work with people

Must exhibit the fruit of the spirit in everyday living

If married, must hold to faithful monogamy

Must be a good steward of the Word of God and church resources

The list of qualifications is not inclusive, but serves as a brief synopsis of what we expect of a pastor as we build First Baptist Missionary Church to be the church that God will choose when he comes back.

Potential candidates must submit the following information:
A cover letter and resume, Seven references (4 professional and 3 personal) other references may be requested from the references provided; References should include name, address, and telephone numbers.
Name, address and telephone number of prior and current church affiliations
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Submission of the above information is considered your consent to a personal and professional background investigation.

The requested resume package must be postmarked by October 31, 2007 and sent to:
Pastoral Search Ministry
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"To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced...through Education, Missions and Fellowship," Matthew 28:19-20

By Reverend Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr.
President GBSC

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus the Christ. Isn't it good to know you are a child of the King?!



Rev. Dr. Gregory K. **Moss, Sr.**

I trust you were able to partake in our Annual Session activities. Months of planning and preparation occurred to ensure there was something for everyone. In particular, special attention was given to making the session as informative as possible. This administration is determined to offer the best teaching and training available to our churches and associations. It is our intention for pastors and lay-leaders to see the convention as a valuable resource for equipping, training and developing opportunities for mission and ministry projects. Thus, there was excitement around the seminars on education, music, women in ministry, finance, grant writing and procurement, health, retirement and disability, homelessness and transitioning, anti-crime, preaching and preachers. Thank you for your evaluations and continue to share your ideas as to how we can be more helpful and responsive.

This administration has embraced the attitude that one cannot lead from the rear. We believe as members of the General Board it is ours to set the pace and model good and committed leadership by example. We have agreed to be accountable to each other in our participation, timeliness and contributions. It is our hope that pastors and churches across the state will take notice and follow suit. As president, I do not ask others to do what I am not willing to do. Nor do I believe in doing for others what they can do for themselves. Many on our board agree with these principles and it has helped to create a positive atmosphere and synergy among General Board members. Please pray for us as we continue on this path and faith journey.

Now a word about our Executive Secretary, Dr. Haywood T. Gray and staff. Thanks to their great work and your support, we received a clean audit. Praise God! Countless hours of pouring over reports, checks, receipts and minutes proved we are headed to recovery and have put into practice sound financial practices. We are indebted to Dr. Gray and the staff for their diligence, dedication and sacrifice not just during the audit, but also on a daily basis.

As I, our vice-presidents, Dr. Gray and other officers crisscross the state, we are made aware of the tremendous desire and need for the convention to aid and assist local churches and associations in various ways. They challenge us to do more. However, we (the convention) are somewhat limited because of the level of support we receive from the majority of the General Baptist family. The magnificent work by Dr. Gray and staff did not come without challenge, difficulty and sacrifice. Many churches are not stepping up with support. I am convinced there are multiple reasons for our current state of affairs. Many pastors and key laypersons once loyal to our work and vision have retired or passed on to the next life. Some churches have new pastors who are not familiar with our convention and have yet to embrace our work and our vision. There are others who have lost faith in us for whatever reason and have established a "wait-and-see" posture. Then, there are still others who do not consider the convention - its work and or vision - as relevant, and have moved on. Perhaps I have not exhausted the list of reasons for the lack of support from some sectors. Yet, whatever category one finds oneself, let me assure you of several things. God has GREAT and WONDERFUL things for this convention to achieve for kingdom building. We ARE relevant and ARE striving to change our paradigm for the present age and beyond. We still embrace and address HUMAN AND SOCIAL JUSTICE issues. We still are leaders in our support of MISSION OBJECTIVES. We QUICKLY RESPOND to disasters in the state, nation and around the globe. And we are TOTALLY COMMITTED to providing the best teaching, training, exposure and fellowship possible to our churches and associations.

Through the years you have been faithful to send support for our objectives. And for this we are eternally grateful. However, we must be as consistent and diligent in our support for convention operations (STATE MISSIONS). We are not in position to reduce staff further. We must, we must, we must change our culture of giving to include consistent support of operations through State Missions. It is simple - each church contributing a MINIMUM of 1,300 dollars per year designated for State Missions. This is less than one hundred nine dollars per month! Individuals who can and will are encouraged to do the same. I am sure most would agree that is not much for a church for an entire year. Believe me, your contribution will yield many benefits. And to those who have much, much is required. I made a promise in conjunction with Dr. Gray-we WILL NOT use objective contributions to operate our work. It takes money to staff a convention and we need you to be faithful to your promise as members of our great convention to support operations through State Missions. During the past two years, hard decisions were made. Staff was reduced, yet many of the services and benefits continue. Essentially, Dr. Gray and our staff have "made bricks without straw". We cannot expect them to help us achieve other levels of ministry under these conditions.

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration in this matter. I am asking you to step up and embrace the vision of CONVINCING THE UNCONVINCED TO BE CONVINCED- EDUCATION, TRAINING AND FELLOWSHIP. I know we can, I believe we will and with God's guidance, it shall be done!

I especially wish to thank the members of the General Board who met our challenge. Thank you for your faith in God, your willingness to serve and your willingness to partner with me during this season of transition.

God bless you and may God bless the General Baptist State Convention. ■

Youth Evangelism Conference
November 3, 2007





Baptist World Alliance Women's
November 5, 2007

Usher's Officer's Retreat
November 9, 2007
J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly ▪ 11:00 am
Laurel Hill, NC



Usher's Workshop
November 10, 2007
J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly
Laurel Hill, NC ▪ 8:00 am



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WBH & FMC Executive Meeting
November 10, 2007
Baptist Headquarters
8:45 am

MISSIONS

***WBH & FMC Executive Board ▪ November 10, 2007**
Meeting Baptist Headquarters ▪ 10 am

***YBC & LTC Meeting**
November 10, 2007
Baptist Headquarters

THEREFORE GO AND MAKE **DISCIPLES** OF ALL NATIONS, **BAPTIZING** THEM IN THE NAME OF THE **FATHER** & OF THE **SON** & OF THE **HOLY SPIRIT**...
MATTHEW 28:19

Campaign 750

Dr. Haywood T. Gray
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Frequently Asked Questions About Campaign 750


Dr. Haywood T. **Gray**

1. What is Campaign 750? Campaign 750 is an effort to have 750 Churches agree to give $100.00 each month designated for State Missions. The second part of the Campaign is to identify three (3) persons in each of the 750 Churches who will give $10.00 each month designated for State Missions.

2. Does my Church have to give every month? Yes. In order for the Campaign to be successful and the necessary funds raised, each Church that enrolls will be expected to contribute each month.

3. When are funds due? Campaign 750 funds are due by the tenth day of each month. Please be sure that your financial staff mails your check in sufficient time to be received at the Baptist Headquarters by the tenth day of each month.

4. Does our Church need a special form? No. All your Church needs to do is to make a note on the check for Campaign 750 and the proper accounting of your funds will be noted.

5. May we send our contributions for missions and objectives in the same check as Campaign 750? PLEASE DO NOT. Please send a separate check for Campaign 750. Your funds will be deposited into a restricted account separate from the account where other monies are deposited.

6. Can my Church pay up ahead of time? If your Church wishes to send its funds in advance (for example, $300.00 for a quarter), it may do so. However, Churches are encouraged to send the funds monthly.

7. Why is it important to send the funds monthly? By sending funds monthly, we are much better able to budget for the Convention's expenses. We can project what we will receive each month and plan to pay the Convention's bills which are received each month.

8. May a Church send more than $100.00 a month? Most certainly. The $100.00 is the minimum amount requested. This amounts to $25.00 a Sunday for those Churches with services every Sunday. (it's only $12.50 a service if your Church has two services on Sunday.) Some Churches will decide to send more when thinking of their resources and blessings.

9. What about our Church's contributions to the other objectives?. Your Church is still expected to contribute regularly to support the objectives of the Convention. The Campaign 750 donation is above and beyond what your Church is currently sending. If your Church is not supporting the Convention, Campaign 750 gives your Church a good starting point.

10. How should we find individuals in our Church to contribute? Whatever method you use is fine. You may solicit three people to give for an entire year. You may solicit three different people each month.

11. How should the funds collected from individuals be sent in? Our preference would be that the Church collect the funds and send them along with the Church's funds once a month. However, if the individuals choose to send their contributions directly to us, please be sure that they indicate Campaign 750 on their check as well as give the name of your Church.

12. What will be done with the funds when we send them in? Campaign 750 funds will be deposited directly into a restricted account. As the Convention has needs to use the funds send, money will be transferred from the restricted account. By handling the funds this way, the Headquarters will be best able to account for all contributions received.

13. What will the funds be used for? First, the funds will be drawn upon to pay for OPERATIONS expenses. Secondly, the funds will be drawn upon to pay for PROGRAMMING expenses. Finally, the funds will be drawn upon to pay for CONVENTION DEBT TO VENDORS.

14. How long will it take to pay off the Convention's debt? Along with other strategies to retire our debt, it is estimated that the Convention's debt could be settled in twenty-seven (27) months if Campaign 750 is fully implemented.

15. What will happen once the debt to vendors is paid? The Convention will then apply funds from Campaign 750 to pay funds due to the objectives from previous fiscal years.

16. What happens once the funds due to objectives is paid? Once the Convention has met all of its debt obligations (both to vendors and to the objectives), the funds from Campaign 750 will be used to expand the Convention's programming and services.

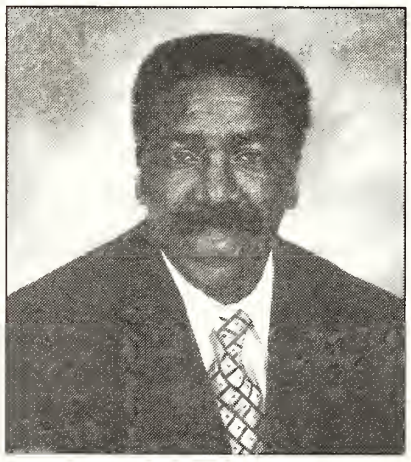
17. Will we stop enrolling Churches once 750 have enrolled? Certainly not. We would like to see every General Baptist Church participate. 750 is a goal to work toward. We hope to exceed this goal.

18. Could an Association or and Association Auxiliary enroll? Yes. We would welcome the support from Associations or Auxiliaries of Associations.

19. What if our Church loses track of our contributions? Not a problem. You will receive a receipt and the Baptist Headquarters will be able to provide a statement of your contribution upon request.

20. Can our Church designate where we want Campaign 750 funds applied? No. If you wish to make a contribution for a certain reason, please do not label your funds Campaign 750. Funds for Campaign 750 will be used according to the greatest immediate need: either operations, programming, or debt reduction. You may always send a designated contribution which will be applied according to your instructions. ■

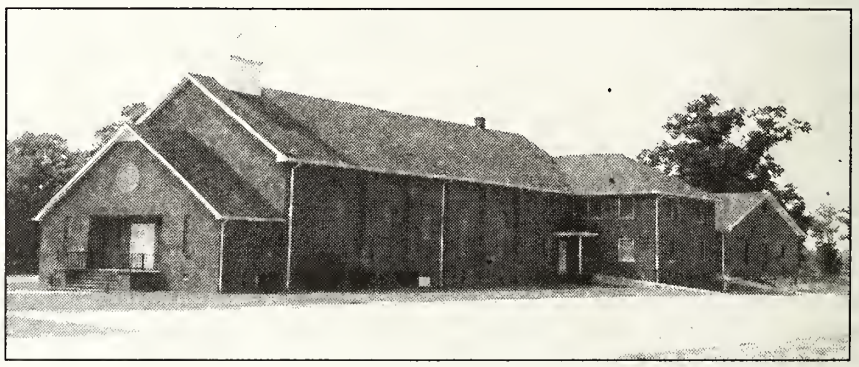
Mitchell Missionary Baptist Church Celebrates 140th Church Anniversary


Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Lilly Jr., Pastor
Mitchell Missionary Baptist Church

Celebrated its 140th Church Anniversary
October 5 – 7, 2007

Mitchell Missionary Baptist Church celebrated its 140th Anniversary. The church located at 243 Lakeview Rd., Louisburg, NC was established in 1867, just after the close of the Civil War. A group of persons initially assembled in various homes for prayer service. While feeling the need for a church, they prayerfully asked God's guidance in their efforts to secure a plot of land to build upon. They had faith in the Word of God. The site for the church was given by Brother John Mitchell with the forethought and leadership of Brothers Blunt Solomon, Semo Fogg, Ned Terrell and others.

Our early ministers were Rev. Lewis Neal, Rev. Tony Perry, Rev. Henry West, Rev. John H. Williams, Rev. J. M. Taylor, Rev. C. C. Clark and Rev. Dr. E. L. Brodie a Franklin County native who was elected pastor of Mitchell Baptist in 1940 and served untiringly, for 50 years. Dr. Brodie retired in 1990. Our current pastor is Rev. Dr. Daniel W. Lilly, Jr. of Garner, NC who was elected in 1992. Since his tenure began, many ministries have been established, structural improvements, additions and spiritual growth through discipleship have taken place. Many souls have been saved at Mitchell Missionary Baptist Church since 1867. As a praying church, we walk by faith and not by sight. Our 140th Anniversary Theme is: "We Have Come This Far By Faith." As we celebrate 140 years in the ministry, we give praise and honor to God and those who were led by the Holy Spirit to establish a church where we are presently located. We praise God for the planners, ministers, and all who have led and helped us get to this point. Through the grace of God, faith, and obedience to His word, the dreams of 1867 are being realized.



We honor, magnify and praise the author and finisher of our faith. TO GOD BE THE GLORY. ■

First Vice-President

Dr. Nilous Avery, II, D. Min.
First Vice-President

"To the General Baptist family, together with all the saints throughout the world: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Corinthians 1:1b-2, NIV paraphrased). We are called to be fruit-bearers of God through Jesus Christ. True fruit-bearers possess inward divine power that transforms lives and overcomes obstacles to ministry.



Dr. Nilous **Avery, II**

True fruit-bearers do not falter nor waver in the face of naysayers, doomsday prophets, and ship jumpers. Rather, they fully embrace the reality of being under girded by the unmerited favor of God's grace. Because of God's sufficient grace, abundant mercy, omnipresent power, and blessed provisions, our convention remains alive, well, and full of Jesus' resurrection power!

As we move forward under the anointed leadership of our administration and energetic leadership in our auxiliaries, we must be equipped, empowered, and encouraged to wage spiritual warfare on this Christian journey. In his letter to the church at Ephesus, the Apostle Paul warned the Christian community to never underestimate the strength and impact of satanic warfare.

In his paraphrase, the Message, Eugene Peterson summarizes Ephesians 6:10-18:

> "God is strong, and [God] wants you to be strong. So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the devil throws your way. This is no athletic contest that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the devil and his angels.
>
> Be prepared. You're up against far more than you can handle on your own. Take all the help you can get, every weapon God has issued, so that when it's all over but the shouting you'll still be on your feet. Truth, righteousness, peace, faith, and salvationare more than words. Learn how to apply them. You'll need them throughout your life. God's Word is an indispensable weapon. In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing-warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out."

General Baptists, let us PRESS ON! We are fueled by a faith in God that embraces the past, enhances the present, and envisions the future. We must PRESS ON by supporting our convention and its objectives with our gifts and service. We must PRESS ON by endeavoring to worship, work and witness for the Lord. We must PRESS ON as true fruit-bearers in the work of God and as prophetic witnesses of God's transforming power.

We can and will fulfill God's mandated ministry through our sacrificial support of the General Baptist State Convention. Your generous prayerful and financial support of State Missions will enable us to invest and benefit greatly in convincing "the Unconvinced to be Convinced… through Education, Missions and Fellowship.".

"The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love to all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen."
(1 Corinthians 16:23-24, NIV). ■

From the Third Vice-President

Rev. Ricky Banks
Third Vice-President

Three men were lost in a blizzard. The first was so cold and tired that he stumbled and fell into the snow, unable to continue. The second man decided to go on alone and seek shelter. However, the third man refused to leave his fallen friend, and he knelt down beside him. Vigorously rubbing his friend's hands and feet until the blood started to circulate freely again, he discovered that he too was getting warmer because fo the exercise. Soon both men were able to continue seeking shelter together.



Rev. Ricky **Banks**

A short distance before they reached shelter, they stumbled over the frozen form of a man who had tried to make it alone. Although the man who stayed beside his fallen friend suffered and made a personal sacrifice, he was victorious in the end.

I Thessalonians 3: 1-10 Paul spoke to this kind of principle when he gave encouragement to the Thessalonians. He knew that they needed others to help them in their Christian journey, and he sent Timothy to encourage them.

In the Christian journey, we can grow as we give to others and as they give to us. Like Paul and the men in the blizzard, we suffer inconvenience or make personal sacrifices, but we shall be victorious in our living.



NEWS FROM SHAW UNIVERSITY DIVINITY SCHOOL

Shaw University is the first historically Black College or University in the south (1865), home of the nation's first four-year medical school-The Leonard Medical School (1882-1918), and the first private HBCU invited to participate in the North Carolina Model Teacher Education Consortium. Since 2003, Shaw University has been under the leadership of Dr. Clarence G. Newsome whose administrative motto is "Strides To Excellence: Only The Best!"

"HAVE A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING" ■

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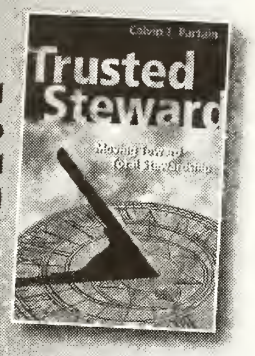
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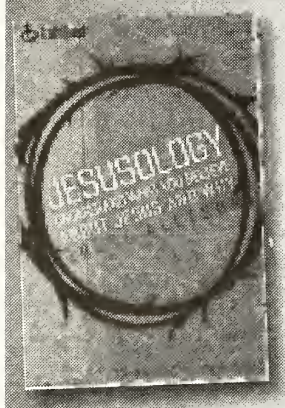
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"O Give Thanks To the Lord"

The books recommended for this year's study are:



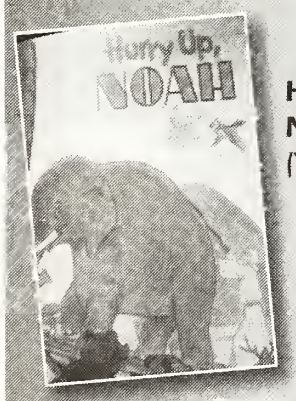
Trusted Stewardship (Seniors and Young Adults)



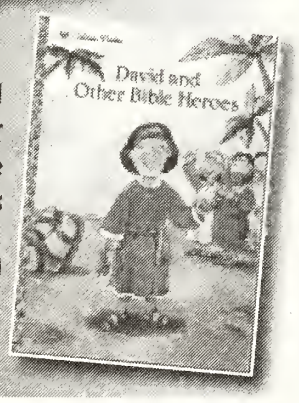
Jesusology (Youth, 12-20)



Name That Bible Character! (Youth, 9-11)



Hurry Up Noah (Youth 6-8)



David and Other Bible Heroes (Youth, Birth-5)



Bronnie **Daniels**

Mrs. Bronnie Daniels
President, WBH & FMC

"O Give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever. O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever. To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever."

" Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever. And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever. Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever."

— Psalm 136:1-5,23-26

How quickly the season of Thanksgiving has come! For we are now in the month of November, the month for emphasizing "Thanksgiving". Let us reflect upon our God and Lord's enduring and everlasting mercy: "His having made great lights (sun, moon, stars)"; His having remembered us in our lowly state"; His having rescued us from our enemies"; His having given food to all flesh,...." Then can we say with the psalmist, "O Give Thanks To The Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever", Psalm 136:1? How great is our God, Father, and Lord Jesus Christ Whose Spirit ministers to, with, and for us!

We thank you again for your lovingkindness shown toward the Woman's Convention, during the immediate physical year. TO GOD Be the glory for the great things He has done!

Happy Thanksgiving!

REMINDERS

YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

The 26th Annual Youth Evangelism Conference will be held at Ashbrook High School, November 3, 2007, Gaston County Union, host. The address of the school is 2222 South New Hope Road, Gastonia, NC 28054. For directions to the school go to www.yahoo.com.

INSTITUTES

Last year many of you participated in institutes under the auspices of the Woman's Convention. It is now time to begin Christian missionary studies for the new year's institutes. The books recommended for this year's study are: Trusted Steward (Seniors and Young Adults); Jesusology (Youth, 13-20); Name That Bible Character (Youth, 9-12); Hurry Up Noah (Youth 6-8); David & Other Bible Heroes (Youth Birth-5). Persons/organizations interested in having these studies may contact the Woman's Convention for these books and also for certified persons as instructors for the institute.

ONE DAY SESSION

On Saturday, January 12, 2008, will be the One Day Session of the Woman's Baptist State Convention at the Greenville Convention Center, Greenville, beginning at 9:00 A.M. for Seniors, Young Adults and Youth.

MISSIONS BUDGET

The Proposed Missions' Budget for 2007-2008, will be near $803,325, will be distributed among the objectives. Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention or Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. Please give more generously for State Missions than last year so that we can realize our State Missions Budget.

APPRECIATION

Please accept our sincere appreciation for your receiving the Helper late with lovingkindness. Also please accept our sincere apology for its lateness because of circumstances.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT !!!!
The WBH&FMC WESTERN ASSEMBLY (All Persons, named in purpose, from Districts I, II, & III)

"Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand."

II Corinthians 1:24

Introductory Statement: For many a year the Woman's Convention has envisioned having getting acquainted/visionary meetings in different regions across the state. Thus under the leadership of President Daniels, the Woman's Convention seeks to implement this initiative.



Dr. Priscilla **Brodie**

Purpose(s): To inform pastors, church circles, missionary county unions, district conferences, auxiliaries, interested persons of the Mission of Jesus Christ through the Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Auxiliary to GBSC, in assisting witnessing and missions-in action across the state, country, and globe

To allow interaction or dialogue between WBH&FMC officials/representatives and the above mentioned constituency in four (4) different settings across the state (one setting per quarter)

To renew and/or cultivate new partners of missions for the Cause of Jesus Christ through with the Woman's Convention

Date: November 17, 20007
Time: 9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
Place: Third Creek Baptist Church
Old Mountain Road,
Stony Point, NC 28678

Reverend Sterling Howard, pastor
(Please see www.yahoo.com for directions)

Suggested Format: (TO BE PREPARED BY WBH&FMC)

Inspirational Period (local participants)
Greetings (local participants)
Presentation (WBH&FMC officials/representatives)
Congregation Interaction
Sermon (a local pastor)
Altar Call (a local pastor)
Benediction

Attendees: All above named persons in Districts I, II, & III
District Chairpersons:

District	Group	*Chairperson*
1	1	Vacant
1	2	Vacant
2	1	Vacant
2	2	Mrs. Edna Long
3	1	Ms. Rebecca Brown
3	2	Mrs. Virginia Russell

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Know Your Rights: What to Do If You're Stopped by the Police

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." (Hosea 4:6)

To fight police abuse effectively you need to know your rights. There are some things you should do, some things you must do and some things you cannot do. If you are in the middle of a police encounter, you need a handy and quick reference to remind you what your rights and obligations are.

1. Think carefully about your words, movement, body language, and emotions.
2. Don't get into an argument with the police.
3. Remember, anything you say or do can be used against you.
4. Keep your hands where the police can see them.
5. Don't run. Don't touch any police officer.
6. Don't resist even if you believe you are innocent.
7. Don't complain on the scene or tell the police they're wrong or that you're going to file a complaint.
8. Do not make any statements regarding the incident. Ask for a lawyer immediately upon your arrest.
9. Remember officers' badge and patrol car numbers.
10. Write down everything you remember ASAP.
11. Try to find witnesses and their names and phone numbers.
12. If you are injured, take photographs of the injuries as soon as possible, but make sure you seek medical attention first.
13. If you feel your rights have been violated, file a written complaint with police department's internal affairs division or civilian complaint board.

1. What you say to the police is always important. What you say can be used against you, and it can give the police an excuse to arrest you, especially if you bad-mouth a police officer.
2. You must show your driver's license and registration when stopped in a car. Otherwise, you don't have to answer any questions if you are detained or arrested, with one important exception. The police may ask for your name if you have been properly detained, and you can be arrested in some states for refusing to give it. If you reasonably fear that your name is incriminating, you can claim the right to remain silent, which may be a defense in case you are arrested anyway.
3. You don't have to consent to any search of yourself, your car or your house. If you DO consent to a search, it can affect your rights later in court. If the police say they have a search warrant, ASK TO SEE IT.
4. Do not interfere with, or obstruct the police -- you can be arrested for it.

IF YOU ARE STOPPED FOR QUESTIONING

1. It's not a crime to refuse to answer questions, but refusing to answer can make the police suspicious about you. If you are asked to identify yourself, see paragraph 2 above.
2. Police may "pat-down" your clothing if they suspect a concealed weapon. Don't physically resist, but make it clear that you don't consent to any further search.
3. Ask if you are under arrest. If you are, you have a right to know why.
4. Don't bad-mouth the police officer or run away, even if you believe what is happening is unreasonable. That could lead to your arrest.

IF YOU'RE STOPPED IN YOUR CAR

1. Upon request, show them your driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance. In certain cases, your car can be searched without a warrant as long as the police have probable cause. To protect yourself later, you should make it clear that you do not consent to a search. It is not lawful for police to arrest you simply for refusing to consent to a search.
2. If you're given a ticket, you should sign it; otherwise you can be arrested. You can always fight the case in court later.
3. If you're suspected of drunk driving (DWI) and refuse to take a blood, urine or breath test, your driver's license may be suspended.

IF YOU'RE ARRESTED OR TAKEN TO A POLICE STATION

1. You have the right to remain silent and to talk to a lawyer before you talk to the police. Tell the police nothing except your name and address. Don't give any explanations, excuses or stories. You can make your defense later, in court, based on what you and your lawyer decide is best.
2. Ask to see a lawyer immediately. If you can't pay for a lawyer, you have a right to a free one, and should ask the police how the lawyer can be contacted. Don't say anything without a lawyer.
3. Within a reasonable time after your arrest, or booking, you have the right to make a local phone call: to a lawyer, bail bondsman, a relative or any other person. The police may not listen to the call to the lawyer.
4. Sometimes you can be released without bail, or have bail lowered. Have your lawyer ask the judge about this possibility. You must be taken before the judge on the next court day after arrest.
5. Do not make any decisions in your case until you have talked with a lawyer.

IN YOUR HOME

1. If the police knock and ask to enter your home, you don't have to admit them unless they have a warrant signed by a judge.
2. However, in some emergency situations (like when a person is screaming for help inside, or when the police are chasing someone) officers are allowed to enter and search your home without a warrant.
3. If you are arrested, the police can search you and the area close by. If you are in a building, "close by" usually means just the room you are in.

We all recognize the need for effective law enforcement, but we should also understand our own rights and responsibilities -- especially in our relationships with the police. Everyone, including minors, has the right to courteous and respectful police treatment. If your rights are violated, don't try to deal with the situation at the scene. You can discuss the matter with an attorney afterwards, or file a complaint with the Internal Affairs or Civilian Complaint Board.

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Pastor, Dr. Matthew Rouse, Jr.



M. Rouse, Jr. Community Center Grand Opening

M. Rouse, Jr. Community Center Grand Opening Hosts A Month of Gala Events

In September, the pastor and members of Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church celebrated a month of activities coinciding with the grand opening of its new M. Rouse Jr. Community Resource Center (CRC), which was a long time vision of the Pastor, Dr. Matthew Rouse, Jr. The activities began with a banquet at the center on Friday night, September 7, 2007, as family, friends, church members, and community friends gathered to honor the pastor on his 13th Pastoral Anniversary. He received letters and plaques of commendation from Governor Easley, Shaw University, and words of congratulation from Elder James Leach, Hoke County Board of Commissioners Chairperson, and from other community leaders and friends, as well as gifts and appreciation from family, the congregation and others. An atmosphere of praise, worship and thanksgiving resonated throughout the service which was additionally blessed by the message of the keynote speaker, Bishop J.C. Monroe, Pastor of Abundant Life Church of God, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

The spirit of praise and thanksgiving carried over to the next day with the official Grand Opening of the Community Resource Center. The day began at 10:00 in the morning, with a community walk through and tour of the facility and grounds, then at 2:00 in the afternoon, the Dedication Ceremony commenced. Greetings were brought by Dr. Haywood T. Gray, Executive Secretary/Treasurer, General Baptist State Convention, Dr. Robert Kelly, Moderator of UMBA; Mr. Donald L. Porter, Executive Director of Raeford-Hoke Economic Development; Elder James Leach, Hoke County Board of Commissioners, and Reverend Garland Pierce, North Carolina House of Representatives, 48th District. Reverend Timothy Bell, President and General Contractor for the building project, delivered the dedicatory message. The weekend of celebrations culminated on Sunday, September 9, 2007 with the Pastor's 13th Anniversary. Reverend Jesse Branch from Griffin, Georgia, preached for the 8:00 worship service while the Pastor's spiritual father, Dr. Aaron Johnson, Pastor Emeritus, Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina, brought forth the word for the 10:00 a.m. worship service. The Pastor is Anniversary Committee, chaired by Minister Arlene McKoy and the Dedication Committee, chaired by Sister Machalle Love performed labors of love and enthusiasm in making both occasions successful and memorable.

To complete the month of gala events, the Black Heritage Ministry sponsored the First Annual Historical Festival. Pastor Rouse adamantly maintains that heritage awareness should not be relegated, solely, to Black History Month in February. The Festival provided participants the opportunity to see early American historical artifacts and experience life before modern conveniences and technology, thereby gleaning an idea of the struggle and sacrifices made by our ancestors. Visitors could browse through the Old General Store while enjoying displays and various booths. Over 35 vendors provided booths, from information, hands on activities, jewelry, clothing, books, art, health, nutrition, travel, a pair of oxen weighing over 2000 pounds each, and, of course, all kinds of foods and delicacies. The highlight of the Festival occurred when Brother and Sister Nelson were crowned Grill Master Champions for 2007 through the entry of their mouth-watering, succulent ribs that won hands down!

Dr. Rouse and the entire congregation join in giving thanks unto Almighty God for bringing the vision to fruition that the CRC shall be a place that benefits the entire community and the body of Christ while bringing glory to God for the great things He has done. ■

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Sunday School for the 21st Century

Rev. Jamale Johnson

Just the other day, I heard a man tell a Saturday evening banquet crowd to go home and prepare for Sunday school. It inspired my heart because I still believe that Sunday school is the best hour a Christian believer could spend during the course of the week. How could one beat one hour during the course of seven days doing something other than spending time with God's word with a group of people who desire the Word as well? It is amazing how people grow up in the church and not have affection for Sunday school just because their mother made them go. People need to realize that Sunday school helps you become more like Christ and more familiar with His Word.



Sunday school in the 21st century is still foundational as it was when Sunday school began in the 1920's. If a church wants to reach hundreds of people, the Sunday school is geared to help the church grow. The mega church has become the paradigm and model but all churches will not be mega. Smaller churches ought to then focus their attention on impacting the Kingdom of God through Sunday school organization and make sure that it flourishes.

When the church organizes its Sunday school by conducting weekly teachers training meetings it will grow the church. But Sunday school must be intentional. Churches tend not give Sunday school the attention it deserves. The churches effectiveness will be: helping people nourish a personal relationship with Jesus Christ; help people read through the entire Bible, increase the fellowship of the Church, prepare people for worship, and inspire evangelism and mission all through the Sunday school.

The Sunday school, if it is to grow must adhere to the following priorities:

1. Equip and train both teachers and leaders for the ministry of the Sunday school. Training should be placed on the calendar.
2. Enlist new teachers and provide the necessary training.
3. Set attendance goals and make plans to target people for Sunday school.
4. Evaluate both enrollment and attendance.
5. Monitor and evaluate the success of planning activities to reach people.
6. Organize the Sunday school to conduct evangelism.
7. Set accountability guidelines for teachers and leaders.

It is important to realize that Sunday school is a strategy and the strategy must be planned and implemented. The strategy should be focused on teaching and reaching people for Jesus Christ. Even though we live in the mega church age and larger churches have more services than Sunday school, Sunday school is still relevant for the 21st Century. Go out and reach people and invite them to your Sunday school. ■

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Proposed Amendment to Section 5.14 of the National Baptist Convention, USA, INC. BYLAWS



Dr. J.C. Harris
Board Member
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Pursuant to Article VII, Section 7.2 of the Bylaws of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., it is hereby propose that Article V, Section 5.14 of the Bylaws, pertaining to election of the President, be amended by inserting the following provision immediately after the third sentence of the existing text:

For elections for the office of President that take place after 2009, each duly qualified constituent entity shall be entitled to cast not more than five (5) votes, based on the number of years that it has been registered with the Convention since the most recent election. For the election for President to be held in 2009, each duly qualified constituent entity shall be entitled to cast no more than three (3) votes, based on the number of years it has been registered with the Convention between 2007 and the 2009 election.

If adopted, the revised Section 5.14 will read as follows (the proposed amendment wording is italicized):

Election of President: Pursuant to Section 2 of Article V to the Revised Constitution, the President shall be elected by the Representative Members of the Convention at an Annual Meeting designated for that purpose. No person shall be elected or serve as President who is not a member of a Constituent Member of the Convention and in good standing with the constituent entities from which that constituent membership is based (church, district association, or state convention). In all instances, any constituent entity must have registered with the Convention during one of the two most recent Annual Meetings prior to the presidential election in order for its members to cast votes during the presidential election. *For elections for the office of President that take place after 2009, each duly qualified constituent entity shall be entitled to cast not more than five (5) votes, based on the number of years that it has been registered with the Convention since the most recent election. For the election for President to be held in 2009, each duly qualified constituent entity shall be entitled to cast no more than three (3) votes, based on the number of years it has been registered with the Convention between 2006 and the 2009 election.*

All persons eligible to vote must register no later than five o'clock p.m. (5 p.m.) on Wednesday of the Annual Meeting. Voting shall take place from seven o'clock a.m. (7 a.m.) until seven o'clock p.m. (7 p.m.) on Thursday of the Annual Session and shall be conducted using electronic voting machines or other automated methods approved by the Board of Directors under conditions that protect the confidentiality of voters and the integrity of the election process.

Election results shall be announced during the Thursday night meeting of the Annual Meeting. In the event that a sitting President is unopposed following the nomination period, the Convention shall re-elect the President by acclamation (voice or standing) vote upon motion during the Thursday night meeting of the Annual Meeting. In the event of the death, incapacity, retirement, resignation, or removal from office of an unopposed sitting President during the interim between the Midwinter Meeting and the Annual Meeting, the Vice President At Large shall, pursuant to Article 5.3 herein, complete the remaining period of the unexpired term and continue to serve as President until a successor is elected at the Annual Meeting of the following year according to the nominating procedure stated in Section 5.13 herein. The Board of Directors shall prescribe the nomination, campaign, and election process, and shall be the preliminary arbiter of any election questions, disputes, or controversies, with final judgment on such matters to be made by the Convention acting as a Committee of the Whole (*See* Article V, Section 2 (B), Revised Constitution). Upon election as prescribed by Section 2A of Article V of the Revised Constitution, the transition procedure outlined at Section 2D of Article V of the Revised Constitution shall be observed.

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Ordination Service For Reverend Selma Shelton Hunter

Act 2: 2-3, 17

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

When asked by her peers and colleagues, how was it? The scripture above is the closest explanation given by Rev. Selma Hunter. On Saturday evening at 7 PM, September 22, 2007, Selma Shelton Hunter was ordained at Saint Lydia Baptist Church in Swan Quarter, NC, by Pastor Robert Lee Moore. The Term "blessed and highly favored" seems like an understatement says Rev. Hunter. In her opening remarks, she stated, "I have already been to the water, I have already been baptized, I am redeemed and tonight in this place, where it all began, I am ordained. Glory be to God Almighty, for without him I could be and would be nothing." In the presence of a fully packed church of family, friends, classmates, former teachers, and her church family from Sassafras Grove Baptist Church in Yanceyville, NC, the Ordination Sermon was delivered by her Pastor of Sassafras Grove Baptist Church Rev. Carl E. Bigelow. His message from Isaiah 50:4 was entitle "An Acceptable Preacher."

Rev. Selma Hunter is the daughter of Mrs. Beadie Mae Spencer. She is married to Ricky Charles Hunter; they have two draughts, LaToya and DeNeenm, a son-in-law Calvin Jermaine Scott, and one granddaughter, Marion LeShea Scott. She is employed at General Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc., under the leadership of Dr. Haywood T. Gray.

Rev. Hunter is pursing her Master of Divinity at Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, NC. ■

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Concord Baptist Church	513 Reynolds Avenue	Durham	NC	27707		$100 00
Davis, R. L.	40 Kensington Street	Lumherton	NC	28358		$125.00
Freeman, Johnny	802 East Market	Greenshoro	NC	27401		$100.00
Hopkins, Rev. Chester	303 North Main Street	Fairmont	NC	28340		$100.00
Baldwin Branch BC	4047 NC 242 South	Elizaheth-town	NC	28337		$1,000.00
Baldwin Branch M. B. Church	P. O. Box 1642	Elizabeth-town	NC	28337		$100.00
Center Baptist Church	P. O.Box 550064	Gastonia	NC	28055	Rev. Pierre Crawford	$450.00
Ebenezer MBC	612 Salishury Street	Wadeshoro	NC	28178		$100.00
Ebenezer Missionary BC	2200 South Alston Ave	Durham	NC	27707	Dr. Cornelius Battle	$100.00
Elm Grove Baptist Church	1302 Hwy 29 Business	Reidsville	NC	27320		$400.00
Fancy Hill BC	105 Fancy Hill Road	Dallas	NC	28034	Rev. Willie Easter	$100.00
First Baptist Church	129 Douglas Street	Lawndale	NC	28090	Rev. Billy Houze	$400.00
First Baptist Church	464 Garfield Street	Statesville	NC	28677	Dr. J.C. Harris	$600.00
First Baptist Church	P.O. Box 368	Kannapolis	NC	28082	Rev. Peter Holland, Jr.	$450.00
First Baptist Church	P.O. Box 181 -	Holly Springs	NC	27540		$400.00
First Calvary Baptist Church	1311 Morehead Ave	Durham	NC	27707	Rev. Fredrick Davis	$2,000.00
First Cosmopolitan MBC	1515 Cross Link Road	Raleigh	NC	27610	Rev. Willie B. Lewis	$825.00
Friendship MBC	3301 Beattie's Ford Rc.	Charlotte	NC	28216	Rev. Clifford Jones	$100.00
Friendship MB Church			NC		Rev. Jonathan Edwards	$100.00
GBSC	P. O. Box 425	Raleigh	NC			$210.00
Gethsemane Baptist Church	401 Wise Ave.	High Point	NC	27265		$1,001.00
Goodwill MBC	1036 K Fork Road	Madison	NC	27025	Dr. John Jackson	$400.00
Jerusalem Baptist	Long St. Ext.	East Spencer	NC	27320	Rev. David Bracken	$100.00
Jerusalem M. B. Church	904 Lickskillet Road	Warrenton	NC	27581		$100.00
Johnston Piney Grove Baptist	PO Box 926	Clayton	NC	28351	Rev. Theodore Breeden	$601.00
Juniper Level MBC	9104 Sauls Rd	Raeligh	NC	27603	Dr. Alexander Herreng	$400.00
Lewis Chapel BC	5422 Raeford Road	Fayetteville	NC	28304	Dr. John Fuller	$1,050.00
Morrisey, Leslie	112 Ridegcrest Drive	Mt. Olive	NC	28365		$100.00
Liherty Baptist Church	68 Oakland Road	Asheville	NC	28801	Rev. Charles Lee	$100.00
Liberty Grove Baptist Church	10 Box 113	LaGrange	NC	28551	Rev. Harold Warren	$100.00
Liberty Hill BC	520 Billy Howey Road	Waxhaw	NC	28173	Dr. David Cooks	$400.00
Macedonia BC	1300 Hatteras Ave.	Charlotte	NC	28216	Dr. John Walker	$300.00
Manasseh Baptist Church	P. O. Box 21861	Greenshoro	NC	27420		$500.00
Maple Spring BC	2066 Greenoak Drive	Shelby	NC	28152	Rev. Robert Dover	$2,846.00
Martin Street Baptist Church	1001 E. Martin Street	Raleigh	NC	27601	Dr. Charles Bullock	$400.00
Melton Grove BC	P. O. Box 277	Winfall	NC	27985	Rev. Alvin Boone Sr	$100.00
Moore, Green Rev.	5104 Butterfield Drive	Winston	NC	27105		$100.00
Mouni Calvary Baptist Church	P.O. Box 1209	Shelby	NC	28151		$100.00
Mount Vernon BC	716 Leonard Ave.	High Point	NC	27261	Rev. Fredrick Bass, Jr.	$400.00
Mt Pisgah Baptist Church	273 Tryon School Loop Rd	Bessemer City	NC	28016	Rev. Charles Turner	$1,991.00
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New Bethel MBC	P. O. Box 593	Hertford	NC	27944	Dr. William Sawyer	$450.00
New Bethel MBC	1016 North Trade St.	Winston Salem	NC	27101	Dr. Gerald Drayton	$400.00
New Ellis Chapel - Ebenezer	PO Box 225	Shelby	NC	28152	Rev. A.A Ponder	$400.00
New Ephesus BC	8939 Hwy 158 West	Ruffin	NC	27326	Rev. William Lee	$100.00
New Jerusalem Baptist Church	1212 Dunleith Avenue	Winston-Sa-lem	NC	27102	Rev. Timothy Lance	$400.00
New Light M B C	1105 Willow Rd	Greensboro	NC	27401	Dr. Cardes Brown Jr	$200.00
New Shiloh BC	2600 Elmin Street	Charlottte	NC	28273	Rev. Charles Booker	$500.00
Nicey Grove MBC	P. O. Box 520	Wingate	NC	28174		$400.00
Palmer Grove Baptist Church	1606 Kingston Road	Kingstown	NC	28150	Rev. James Smith	$801.00
Patillo Chapel MB Church	131 Lillie Lane	Gaston	NC	27832		$100.00
Penn Ave Baptist	225 W. McClanahan St.	Oxford	NC	27565	Rev. Willie Darby	$100.00
Piney Grove Baptist Church West	6817 Sims Road	Waxhaw	NC	28173	Dr. Michael Johnson	$100.00
Piney Grove MBC	P.O. Box 3388	Wingate	NC	28174	Dr. C.C Craig	$500.00
Piney Grove MBC	4715 Indiana Ave.	Winston Salem	NC	27106	Dr. James Linville	$450.00
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church	517 Baldwin Ave	Charlotte	NC	28204	Rev. J. A. Cuthbertson	$400.00
Reedy Branch Baptist Church	5212 Fairlay Road	Maxton	NC	28364		$400.00
Sandy Branch Baptist Church	P. O. Box 148	Roxohel	NC	27872		$400.00
Shiloh Baptist Church	916 E. 12th Street	Winston Salem	NC	27101	Rev. Paul Lowe Jr	$200.00
Shiloh Baptist Church	719 Walnut Street	Wilmington	NC	28401	Rev. D.K Ferguson	$1,000.00
Silver Mount Baptist Church	501 W. Arrowood Road	Charlotte	NC	28217	Rev. Lincoln Lee	$400.00
Springfield Memorial Baptist	PO Box 515	Stanley	NC	28164	Rev. Jereriah Webb	$200.00
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St. John MBC	1282 Bradford Height	Gastonia	NC	28054		$400.00
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St. Stephen MBC	513 W.Cypress St.	Elizabeth City	NC	27909	Rev. Ricky Banks	$400.00
St. Stephen MBC	5000 Noble Street	Winston Salem	NC	27105	Rev. Joseph Samuels	$1,200.00
Swans Creek MBC		Hope Mills	NC		Dr. Ridney Mcray	$100.00
Tabernacle BC	519 W. 19th Ave.	Gastonia	NC	28052	Dr. Benjamin Hinton	$600.00
Tupper Memorial BC	501 W. Blount Street	Raleigh	NC	27601	Dr. H.C Miller	$500.00
Union BC	110 Lincoln Ave.	Lexington	NC	27292		$400.00
United Metropolitan MBC	450 Metropolitan Dr.	Winston Salem	NC	27101	Dr. James Ballard	$200.00
University Memorial Baptist Church	4708 Meridian Drive	Charlotte	NC	28216	Dr. James Palmer	$400.00
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Wakefield M. B. Church	809 Proctor Street	Zebulon	NC	27597		$200.00
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Grace and Peace:

In the beginning of Isaiah's ministry, he was allowed to see a vision of God seated on the throne in Heaven. He was allowed to witness the full Majesty of God and hear His Heavenly praise; "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory" (Isaiah 6:3). The vision of God was so pure and so holy that Isaiah was immediately confronted with His own sinful condition; "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips" (Isaiah 6:5).

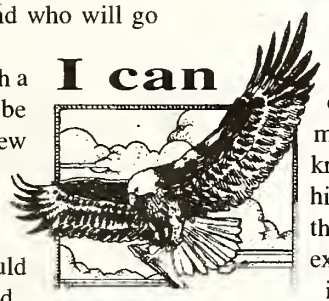


Dr. A.T. **Griffey, III**

But God comforted Isaiah by letting him know his sin had been removed; "Your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for" (Isaiah 6:7). God had a purpose for revealing Himself to Isaiah. He was looking for a messenger to deliver His Word to the people of Israel: "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" (Isaiah 6:8).

If we were asked such a question, we might be tempted to request a few details before answering. We might like to know where we would be sent and what we would be doing. But Isaiah had just experienced the full glory of the Lord. He had seen absolute perfection, recognized his utter sinful condition, and received complete forgiveness from a loving Father. With this understanding of the One who was asking, Isaiah had only one reply.

Isaiah 6:8
"And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'"



Isaiah had no way of knowing his reply would be the start of sixty years of ministry. He had no way of knowing the many hardships his answer would cause, nor the many joys he would experience through walking in the presence of God; but he knew the One who was calling...and that was enough!

As a child of God who has seen and understands His glory, there should be only one response when our Father calls. There's no need for lengthy questions regarding the how, why, or what. When the Creator of the universe calls, we can assume He has made a wise and perfect choice. And that should be enough!

God never makes mistakes and will never call us without also providing the tools to accomplish everything in His plan: "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work" (2 Corinthians 9:8). We have received His forgiveness and are seeking to abide in the glory of His presence. We must now learn to trust Him more and follow wherever He leads.

God always calls the right person for the job and always provides all we need to fulfill the calling. When God calls, let's trust Him and boldly answer: *Here am I - send me!* ■

The world does not need sermons; it needs a message. You can go to seminary and learn how to preach sermons, but you will have to go to God to get messages. Oswald J. Smith.

Vincent Perry Appointed To Board

Archon Dexter Vincent Perry has been Appointed to the Trustee Board of the North Carolina Employee Deferred Compensation Plan.



Mr. Dexter **Perry**

On August 2, 2007, Archon Perry was confirmed by the N.C. State Senate as one of its seven trustees for the state's employee deferred compensation 457 retirement plan. This plan currently serves 30,000 state and local government employees and has over $700 million dollars of investment assets under management. Archon Perry was an appointee of the Senate Pro Tempore's office and will serve a two year term ending June 30, 2009.

Archon Perry is a native of North Carolina and currently resides in Apex, N.C. with his wife Sherry, and their three children, Trevor, D.J. and Halle. As the son of a Baptist minister, Dexter's faith has sustained him as he set out to achieve great academic and professional milestones. His accomplishments include graduating from The Asheville School (1987), receiving an A.B. Degree in Economics from Duke University (1991), obtaining his series 6, 63 & 65 securities licenses (1994, 1997), co-founding a retail investment advisory firm in Cary, NC (1998), and the recent completion of his CFP (Certified Financial Planner) coursework at N.C. State (2006).

Archon Perry has demonstrated a genuine passion for serving people, as is evidenced by his membership in several civic groups such as Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Archon Perry currently serves as Thesauristes for the Gamma Sigma member Boule' in Raleigh, North Carolina. ■

God's blessings:

- ✝ *An acceptance that can never be questioned. (Ephesians 1:6).*
- ✝ *An inheritance that can never be lost (I Peter 1:3-5).*
- ✝ *A deliverance that can never be excelled (2 Corinthians l:10).*
- ✝ *A grace that can never be limited (2 Corinthians 12:9).*
- ✝ *A hope that can never be disappointed. (Hebrews 6:18, 19).*
- ✝ *A bounty that can never be withdrawn. (I Colossians 3:21-23).*
- ✝ *A joy that need never be diminished (John 15:11).*
- ✝ *A nearness to God that can never be reversed (Ephesians 2:13).*
- ✝ *A peace that can never be disturbed (John 14:27).*
- ✝ *A righteousness that can never be tarnished (2 Corinthians 5:21).*
- ✝ *A salvation that can never be canceled (Hebrews 5:9).*

The Subject of Our Preaching

Rev. Al Fullwood is a Ph.D. candidate (Preaching),adjunct instructor of preaching
Shaw University Divinity School
Pastor of The Riley Hill Baptist Church, Wendell NC

Our conversation begins with the question: What forms the content of our preaching? This is not a language-theory question searching for "extravagant eloquence," or "speech showmanship." The question is not about preaching theory and method, showing how preaching is done in ways to best deliver the sermon. This question is biblically grounded addressing the "theological estrangement" (lack of passion for God) in our preaching. The subject of preaching is always about God and not about the preacher. Paul provides an important perspective on how to keep the Word and the preacher apart. He states, "When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1Cor. 2:1-2). The greatest challenge facing the pulpit today is preaching in ways which exalts the Word over the preacher.



Dr. Al **Fullwood**

How to preach the sermon (mechanics) should never hold importance over what (message) to preach. The business of our preaching is not narrating our biography but proclaiming God's Story. Should we have a story it is always told in the larger gospel Story. Whatever we say about ourselves should not overshadow but rest in the shadows of the cross. If we, in our preaching, cast the shadow God becomes an addendum, an attachment or even worst a footnote to the sermon. Truth is given an inferior position and subservient to our personal agenda.

In our next article we will have conversation about how preaching has gone through separation, divorcing God, and begun a courtship with entertainment. ■

GIVING

In Matthew, Mark, and Luke 1 out of every 6 verses deals with money. Of the 29 parables Christ told, 16 deal with a person and his money.



Tammy White Rodman

September 20, 2007, will go down in the history books of the African American people as the day the Civil Rights movement came out of its slumber. A beautiful day was waiting for us with a warm, bright, sun shining. Thousands of Black people, Whites and Latinos came and stood together saying loud and clear "No Justice No Peace". So many in unity, of one mind, no longer willing to just shake their heads and say "What is this world coming to?" instead, they chose to rise, taking back their power, their children, and their dignity.

I have never been in such a crowd of people and felt so much peace. Everyone looked at the other with pride. This pride was especially seen on the faces of those who brought their children along. I was privileged to be on the bus with the writers and photographer for the News and Observer. I wondered what they thought and felt as they were given a crash course of our culture, our thoughts and the ebbs and flows of our feelings as we enjoyed the long awaited moment of traveling a road that our ancestors traveled. A road that took us 15 hours away to cry out for freedom; not just for Mychal Bell, but for all who are unjustly imprisoned. The feeling cannot be described as I stepped off the bus. Feelings of gratefulness to the God who answers prayers and allowed me to see the beginning of that answer; gratefulness that I can tell the story to my grandchild and maybe he will pass it on to his children; grateful for the strength of my parents and grandparents; just plain happy to be with my people standing together in solidarity. There was also sadness in me because we were here to deal with something we should not have to deal with. There was sadness as we saw all of the stores closed with signs saying "Beware of Dog". How can one person who says they have God in their hearts mistreat another and look at them as anything but humans with human feelings.

We marched, we sang, we shouted, laughed, cried, gathered some dirt and wondered why did they have to kill the tree, then returned to our buses. The thought came, they killed the tree that was perfectly innocent but the root of the tree and the problem is still there. We stretch, rub our eyes and prepare for the journey ahead, not back to life as we knew it but looking forward and being thankful that we have waken up hearing the cry of the broken hearted, the blind the oppressed and those imprisoned waiting for us to do what Jesus would do. ■

Historic March and Rally for Peace and Justice

Thursday, September 20, 2007 • 60,000 People Strong



Portia H. **Brandon**

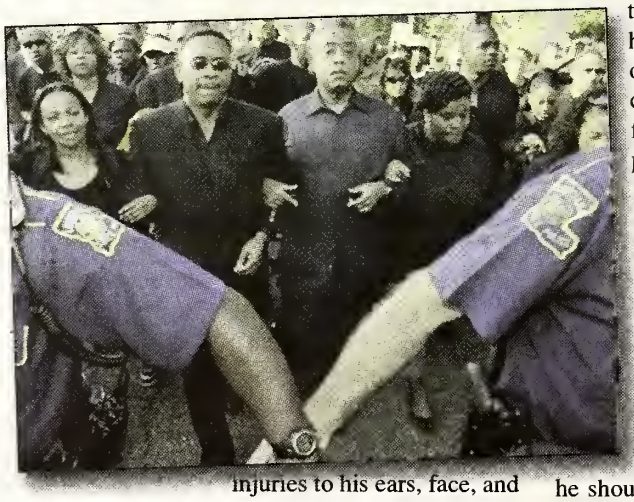
Mrs. Portia H. Brandon, M. Div



The Jena 6, no matter the legal outcome, will go down in history as an example of black people organizing for a just cause.

They came on buses. They came in cars. They came in limos, they came on motorcycles. Some came alone, some with their families and some as part of a large caravan of buses. They came to rally for justice, not only for the Jena Six, but for all African Americans. Many groups had designed their own t-shirts expressing their support for the Jena Six, "Free the Jena Six,' they read. But some T-Shirts sent a larger statement. I am the Jena Six," read one T-shirt that bore an image of the tree where nooses were hung after three black boys sat under Jena High School's so-called, "white tree."

September 20, 2007, was a proud day in the black community. Quoting a black reporter- "Now the only question that remains is can we get organized when the enemy is us?"



Jena TIMELINE

1. August 31, 2006- A black student asks permission to sit under the "white tree." A school administrator replies, "you can sit wherever you want."

2. September 1, 2006- Three nooses in school colors are found hanging from the "white tree."

3. September 7, 2006- The three students responsible for hanging the nooses were found. The principal recommends them for expulsion.

4. -(no confirmed date available)- The District Attorney and several police officers came out to the school for an impromptu assembly after several reports of "trouble" at the school. The District Attorney told the students that if they didn't stop making a fuss about the "innocent prank… I can be your best friend or your worst enemy. I can take your lives away with a stroke of my pen."

5. -December 1, 2006- A black student, Robert Bailey, attends a "white party," is beaten and has a bottle broken over his head. One person was later charged with simple battery for the beating and received probation.

6. -December 2, 2006- Robert Bailey, Jr., and two others charged with battery and theft after fighting outside a store.

7. December 4, 2006- White student, Justin Barker, was allegedly with the students responsible for hanging the nooses, saying racial slurs and taunting Robert Bailey about being beaten up at the party on December first. Later, he was knocked unconscious (either by the first punch or from hitting the ground), punched, and kicked while he was down by a group of black students. An ambulance was called. Barker was conscious by the time it arrived. He was taken to the hospital, treated and released within three hours for injuries to his ears, face, and eyes. Barker attended a school ring ceremony later that night.

8. December 5-6, 2006- Six black students are arrested and charged with aggravated second-degree battery. They were:

9. Robert Bailey Jr, age 17. Bail amount: $138,000.

Theo Shaw, age 17. Bail amount: $130,000.

Carwin Jones, age 18. Bail amount: $100,000.

Bryant Purvis, age 17. Bail amount: $70,000.

Mychal Bell, age 16. Bail amount: $90,000.

An unnamed minor.

10. December 7, 2006- The District Attorney announces that the charges against all six have been upgraded to attempted second-degree murder and conspiracy to commit second-degree murder.

11. December 15, 2006- It is announced that Mychal Bell, age 16, will be charged as an adult.



Thursday, Sept. 7, 2007
Mychal Bell, 17, walks out of Court in Jena, La,

12. June 25, 2007- Mychal Bell's trial begins. The District Attorney reduced the charges against Bell to second-degree aggravated battery and conspiracy to commit aggravated battery, both of which are still felonies. (In the state of Louisiana, for something to be considered aggravated battery a deadly weapon must be used. The District Attorney said the deadly weapons in this case were the shoes he was wearing.)

13. June 28, 2007- The jury deliberated for fewer than three hours and found Bell guilty on the charges of second degree battery and conspiracy to commit second degree battery. With this sentence, he could face up to 221/2 years in prison.

14. August 16, 2007- One of Bell's attorneys says the case should be tried in juvenile court instead of adult court.

15. September 4, 2007- A judge vacated the conspiracy to commit aggravated battery charge against Bell. It will be handled in juvenile court. The second-degree aggravated assault charge remains. Bell will now only face a maximum of 15 year in prison rather than 221/2.

16. -The charges against Carwin Jones and Theo Shaw were also reduced to second-degree aggravated battery and conspiracy to commit second-degree aggravated battery.

17. -September 14, 2007- A state appeals court in Louisiana throws out the only remaining conviction against Mychal Bell, saying that he should not have been tried as an adult on the charge of aggravated battery.

18. -September 20,2007- Thousands of people from around the country, gather in Jena to take part in a rally and protest in support of the Jena 6. Rally organizers say the rally is not so much about race as it is about the unfair treatment of the young men and the handling of the "Jena 6" case.

19. -September 21, 2007- A judge denies bail for Mychal Bell, the only one of the Jena 6 still in jail. He has been in since December and will remain in jail until another hearing is held. His defense attorneys are trying to get a different judge to hear the case.

20. September, 27, 2007- Mychal Bell, 17, walks out of Court in Jena, La., after a judge order. The district attorney said he's decided not to try Bell as an adult in the case. But he still faces trial in juvenile court. ■

Elizabeth Williams Young







October 23, 1934 - October 14, 2007

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Pastor, Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church; Wilmington, NC
Dr. Clifton A. Jones, Sr., Eulolgist; **Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC**

OBITUARY: Elizabeth Williams Young, "Liz", was born in Southport, North Carolina on October 23, 1934 to the late Shelly and Olivia (Faulk) Williams. She attended the Brunswick County Training School (B.C.T.), Southport, N.C., and received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics from North Carolina Central University. She continued her studies at Tuskegee Institute (Tuskegee, Alabama) where she earned a Master of Science Degree (Mathematics). A life-long learner, "Liz" continued graduate work at North Carolina A & T State University, Syracuse University, East Carolina University and doctoral study through Nova University.

"Liz" had a distinguished career as a prolific educator. She was a classroom mathematics teacher, chairman of the mathematics department, and Assistant Principal at South Brunswick High School. Before retirement, she became Supervisor of Mathematics and Science Curriculum for Brunswick County Schools. In addition, she taught "the new math" to adult students through Cape Fear Community College. She retired from Brunswick County Schools System in 1992.

On, June 21, 1957, Robert Thomas Young, of Georgetown, South Carolina, honored her by becoming her loving husband. They were blessed to share fifty years together.

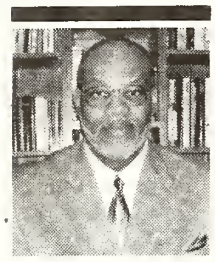
"Liz" excelled in the classroom both in the public schools and in the Church. She accepted Christ as her personal Savior at an early age and spent her life totally committed to spreading the Good News about a mighty, merciful, and matchless God: "With His Good Self." Her love of God's word wrapped in the gift of teaching, and anointed by the Holy Spirit, has encouraged and blessed many people. Her light shined brightly at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, Winnabow, N. C. where she taught Sunday School, acted as a Baptist Training Union Director, and sang in the Senior Choir. Her love for Christian education led to her involvement beyond her local Church. "Liz" taught in the Cape Fear Sunday School Convention, served as Director of Christian Education for Middle District Missionary Baptist Association, and also served as an Assistant Dean of the Congress of Christian Education for the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

"Liz" was a certified member of the teaching staff of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., the Woman's Convention of the Department of Christian Education and the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association. Among Baptist in North Carolina, and other states, "Liz" is best known for her tenure as President of the Congress of Christian Education for the General Baptist State Convention. Her tenure in leadership was paved with bold new initiatives, stimulating programs, and dynamic and challenging addresses. She earned the respect of pastors and laypersons alike. She was an anointed public speaker who inspired, instructed, educated and edified all who were privileged to hear her speak. "Liz" was a proud member of the North Carolina Association of Educators, Brunswick County Retired School Personnel and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Her legacy lives on through her loving husband: Robert T. Young, three daughters: Shelley Elizabeth Warnett [Charles], Sonja L. Baxter [Marvin], and Roberta R. Young-Jackson [Dennis]; one grandson: Robert Elton Dennard Young Jackson [Shavonne]; five grand-daughters: T'lia L. Payton, Crystal D. Jackson, Olivia S. Jackson, Elizabeth E. Baxter, and Phylicia L. Baxter; two great-grandchildren: Ratjuan Kenny and Taylor Jackson; one foster son: Todd W. Parker; one foster daughter: Deborah G. Jinwright; one brother-in-law: Caesar Young; one God daughter: Janje Francis; a dear friend, Rebecca Smith; a beloved college roommate and friend, Ruth Jackson; the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church family; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, sister-in-laws, and friends.

Lott Carey Financial Report

Overcoming Evil With Good
"Anti-Crime & Incarceration Day"



Michael R. **Smith**

I am encouraging every GBSC church or association to plan to have an Anti-Crime and Incarceration Ministry Day within this next year. This will provide an opportunity for Pastors to lead their congregations to become better educated, equipped, or inspired to effectively pray and become more involved in this crisis. Every church calendar needs to reflect our united commitment as GBSC churches to keep this pressing issue before our people. By having an Anti-Crime and Incarceration Day, local churches can be informed on what pressing issues related to crime and incarceration are in your respective area of the State. The Anti-Crime and Incarceration Ministry (AIM) has launched the AIM Day initiative because crime and incarceration issues have impacted every church in the GBSC. There is no Church where a member has not experienced being the victim of a crime, a love one incarcerated, a wayward child who is at-risk, or a person returning from prison back into the community. A recent article written by Mark Early of Prison Fellowship Ministries in response to the Jena 6 situation said the following.

"The case of the Jena 6 has forced us to ask once again if our justice system is color blind in America. Thousands gathered in that small town on September 20 because they are convinced that African-Americans are unfairly treated in the criminal justice system. To be honest, it's hard to discern right now exactly what happened in Jena. But don't miss the point here: It is not hard to discern the incredibly disproportionate rate of African-Americans behind bars in America."

This statement by Mark Early should awaken us to see our role as GBSC Churches in seeking to reach, reconcile, and restore lives impacted by crime and incarceration. Earley went on to share the following statement about the disproportionate numbers of African Americans in our prisons.

"Although only 13 percent of the population, African-Americans make up nearly half of our prison population. The incarceration rate for Blacks is nearly six times that of Whites. As social scientist Glenn Loury points out, "a black male resident of the state of California is more likely to go to a state prison than a state college."

It is time for our church calendars to reflect our commitment to bring a greater awareness and response to the crime and incarceration crisis that is devastating our homes, and communities. Pastors and Moderators, I urge you to make this a priority so we as the GBSC can take AIM in reaching, reconciling and restoring human lives for Christ. HAVE AN ANTI-CRIME & INACRCERATION MINISTRY DAY NOW!

The GBSC Anti-Crime & Incarceration Ministry needs our churches to get involved now!

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Fresh Water For A Thirsty Generation

Evangelism was not just a part of our learning, but it was put into action. During the Annual Evangelism Conference this year, we hit the streets and went to the Raleigh Rescue Mission. We fed the hungry and witnessed to the lost. It is such a rewarding feeling to do as Christ commanded, taking the gospel to the lost and showing compassion for those who need help in caring for themselves. Then after working in the field, it is always good to get a good meal to prepare for future journeys. ■







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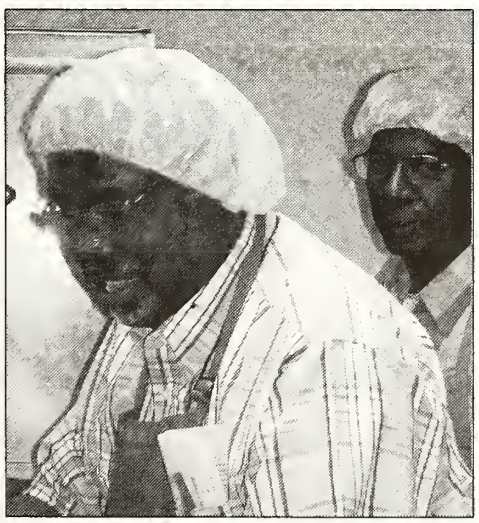
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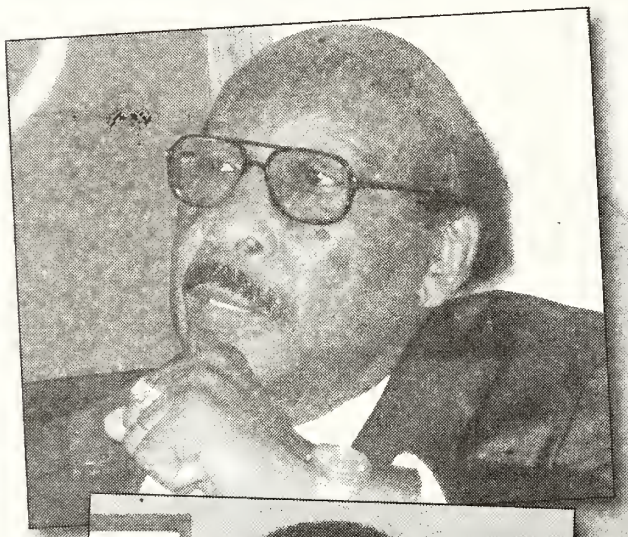
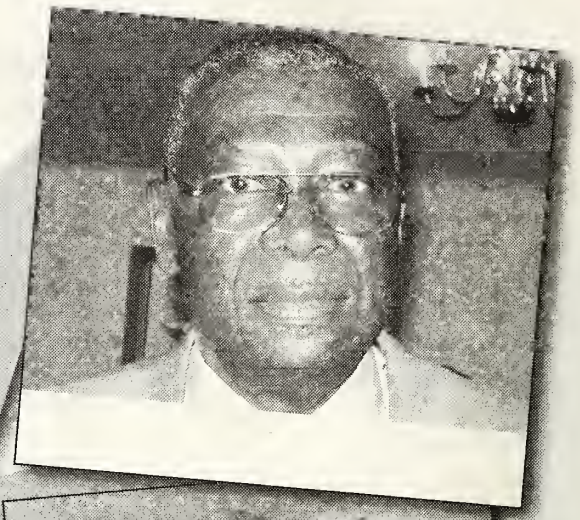
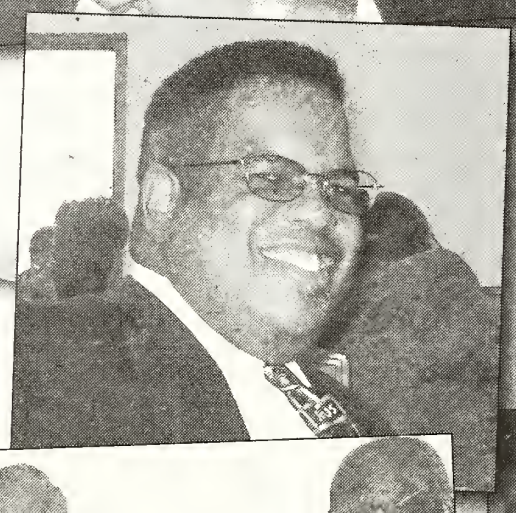
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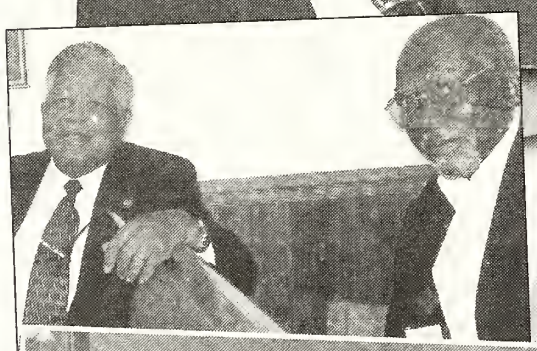
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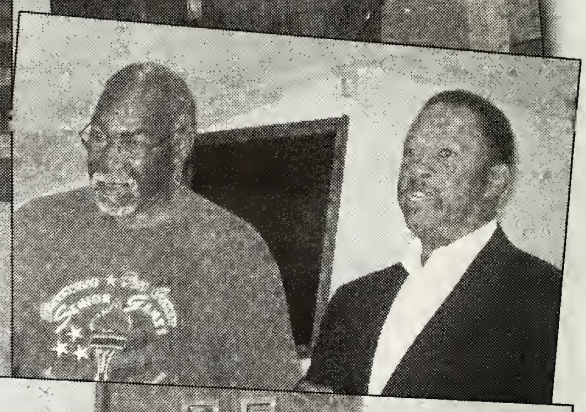
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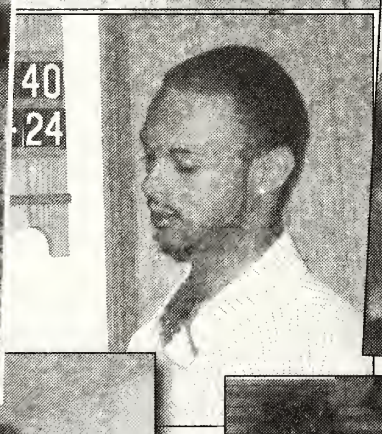
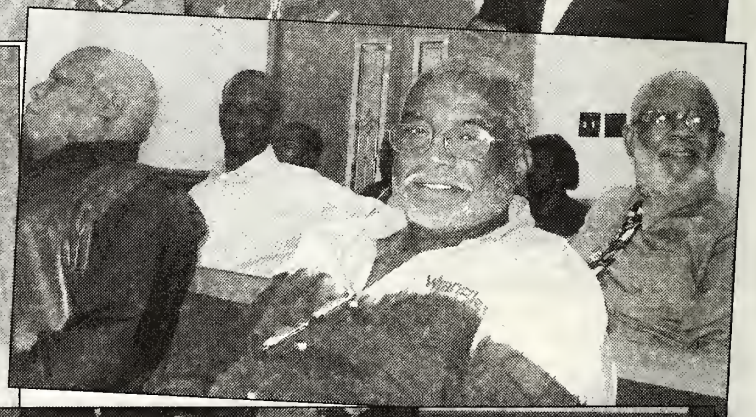
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"To Convince the Unconvinced to be convinced through 'Education, Missions and Fellowship. "
Matthew 28:1 9-20

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Campbell Law School Announces Move to Downtown Raleigh

Photo from North Carolina Bar Association



Dean Melissa Essary

Harold B. Wells, Chairman of the Campbell University Board of Trustees, announced that the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to move the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law from the University's main campus in Buies Creek, N.C. to downtown Raleigh by the fall of 2009. The school plans to move to 225 Hillsborough St., the building known as Hillsborough Place. The City of Raleigh was previously the largest state capital in the country to not have a law school within its city limits. ■

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In Loving Memory

Rev. Donald L. Salley
Sunrise June 23, 1961
Sunset October 4, 2007



SALLEY After courageously facing the challenges that life as we know it had to offer; our beloved husband, father, brother, pastor and friend answered that great call from our Father God to receive his reward early on Thursday, Oct. 4, 2007. The Rev. Donald L. Salley was born June 23, 1961, to the late Rev. Daniel B. and Lillian Brabham Salley. He was preceded in death by his parents; and two sisters, Priscilla Salley and Patricia Salley. He was called to pastor Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church of Winston-Salem in January 1990 and was officially installed June 10, 1990. Through the teachings of Pastor Salley and the direction of the Holy Spirit, the Morning Star family can look to God for comfort and express our thankfulness for the creation of such a powerful leader, anointed pastor and distinctive man of God. He was a former member of New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church and Mercy Seat Holy Church. Pastor Salley was a graduate of Parkland High School and attended Rutledge Business College. He was a former employee of Hanes Dye and Finishing before becoming fulltime pastor at Morning Star Baptist Church. He leaves to cherish his memories his loving, devoted wife and best friend of 24 years, Jeanine Edmond Salley; his daughters, Tamara Salley and Shamry Salley of the home; two sisters, Ethel Salley and Avenell Jeanette Salley (Kareem) Holt of the city; two brothers, Pastor Daniel (Co-Pastor Barbara) Salley Jr. of White Plains, Md., and Richard (LaMaretta) Salley of the city; his devoted armor bearer, the Rev. Reginald Harris of the city; his closest friends, the Rev. Reginald Coleman, the Rev. Jesse Jones, Joe Adams and Robert Galloway Jr., all of the city; a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; and the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church family. Homegoing services was conducted on Monday, Oct. 8, at New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, Dr. Samuel J. Cornelius officiating. ■

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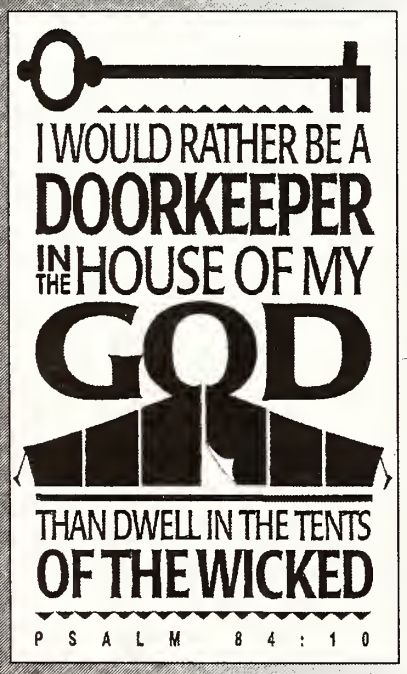
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NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST USHERS CONVENTION

(The Recommendations of the State Convention Executive Committee:
The Established Dress Code for all Local Ushers and Nurses Aides)

1. The dress code for all **Young Adult, Adults and Senior Women Ushers:**

 - White uniforms of common styles, covering the knees, long - sleeves below elbow summer and winter, simple hair style, (requiring no bows, pins, etc.).
 - The uniform is to be worn without decorations (only the State Usher's Pin worn on the left side, over the Usher Badge. **No other decorations on uniform.**
 - On the occasion of Anniversary celebration, ushers may wear corsages, all made alike and of the same color.
 - White shoes; low to mid - height heels; white gloves; small white ear pearls; off - white stockings, no hat or headpiece.
 - Black uniforms or no other colors are **recommended** by the State Ushers Convention at anytime.
 - Two - piece white ushers, women suits, if all are made alike are acceptable but not preferred.
 - **No pant suits** are to be worn by women ushers at any of the church services.

2. The dress code for children and youth ushers **boys and girls** should follow the above code with black, blue, and white. Top and bottoms as desired, all tops and bottoms to be uniformed, and to cover knees. No sandals.

3. **THE DRESS CODE FOR MEN USHERS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH:**

 - Black or dark blue dress suits. Uniformly tailored is desired but uniform color is required for the ushering service.
 - The State Usher Pin on the left lapel, no outside fountain pins, no shoulder length hair.
 - White gloves, black shoes, socks of choice.
 - White shirt, black tie.
 - White men's dress suits, uniformly made and uniformly worn are accepted for summer wear, with white shoes and other dress code.
 - Young men and adult men should follow the men's dress code.

November 10, 2007
Usher's Workshop
J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly
Laurel Hill, NC, 8:00AM

November 9, 2007
Usher's Officer's Retreat
J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly
Laurel Hill, NC, 11:00AM

PASTOR VACANCY

Spring Street Missionary Baptist Church

P O Box 861 • 511 Orange Street • Henderson NC 27536 • (252) 492-3992

Spring Street Missionary Baptist Church is accepting applications for Pastor.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Active member and good standing with Baptist Church
- Must be an ordained Minister
- Must have good rapport both within and without the church
- Must have knowledge of the Doctrines and beliefs of the Baptist Church
- Only those meeting the scriptural requirements in 1st Timothy 3: 1-12 shall be eligible
- Must adhere to the Constitution and By-Laws of Spring Street Missionary Baptist Church

Please send resume to: Spring Street Missionary Baptist Church
Attn: Pulpit Committee
P 0 Box 861
Henderson NC 27536

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church

Seeks Minister of Music

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church seeks an experienced full-time Minister of Music to work in a growing and evolving ministry where service to the spiritual growth, healing and development of the church's congregation comes first. The position involves the following: leadership and superior interpersonal skills, the ability to play choral groups, train voices, arrange music and possess excellent administrative skills.

All interested persons should submit a formal request for an application with a cover letter, resume and picture to:

gmbcministerofmusic@hotmail.com

or

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church
P.O. Box 1443
Winston-Salem, NC 27102

Please do not contact the pastor or the church office. All inquires should be submitted as stated above. The deadline to submit a request for an application is Friday, November 30, 2007.

PASTOR VACANCY

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, Wilson, NC is currently accepting applications for a Pastor.

Applicants who want to be considered should possess the following:

- ✓ Must be licensed, ordained, Missionary Baptist Minister
- ✓ Must be living or willing to live near Wilson area
- ✓ Must be able to render service for all worship services here at Ebenezer
- ✓ Must be able to relate to all ages in the church
- ✓ Must have Theological or Seminary training
- ✓ Must be at least 37 years old and at least two years of Pastoral experience preferred
- ✓ Must be able to lead, preach, teach the gospel, and counsel the membership
- ✓ Must be able to motivate members to tithe
- ✓ Must enhance spiritual growth of the church
- ✓ Must be willing to submit a criminal and traffic background check and furnish a credit report

Resume, brief biographical sketch, official transcripts, three reference letters which include you home address, telephone number and e-mail address.

Mail all application material to: Deacon Sylvester Dupree
P.O. Box 7605
Wilson, NC 27893

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BROWN NEW CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
PASTORAL VACANCY

Brown New Calvary Baptist Church of Thomasville, NC is currently accepting applications for a Pastor.

Applicants who want to be considered should possess the following:

- Must have the Biblical qualities of a Pastor as defined in 1 Timothy 3:1-7
- Must possess a Passion for God, His Word, and His People
- Must be licensed and ordained as a Baptist Minister
- Must have the ability and desire to work with all age groups within the church
- Must live or be willing to live within 60 mile radius of the church
- Must be at least 34 years old and pastoral experience preferred
- Must be willing to submit to a criminal background check and furnish a credit report
- Must be able to share His vision for the spiritual growth of the church
- Must exemplify good communication, leadership, administrative and counseling ability

All applicants should mail the following to the address below:
Resume, brief biographical sketch, official transcripts, three reference letters which include their home address, telephone number and e-mail address.

Mail all application material to: Brown New Calvary Baptist Church
Attn: Pulpit Committee
200 Doak Street
Thomasville, North Carolina 27360

J. J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

"Come ye yourselves apart into a quit place and rest a while."
Mark 6:31.

The purpose of the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill is to provide a setting that is Christian in its atmosphere and is conductive to learning, worship, and meeting the needs of all individual who we serve.

It allows to for many opportunities to commune with one another, whether it be weddings, family reunion, seminars, or banquets.

J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly is a tract of land of seventy-five or more acres, much of which is covered with a mixture of North Carolina pine, red and white oak trees.

Facilities

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3. Alston Lodge (seats 100, sleeps 64)
4. Lumber River Association Lodge (seats 100, sleep 64)
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- Must have experience in directing and working with choirs
- Must be responsible to the Pastor and the church for planning, conducting, and evaluating the Music Ministry of the church

Mail all application material to:
Minister Betty Wiley
P.O. Box 3293
Wilson, NC 27895

Pastor Vacancy
NEBO MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
10555 US Hwy 258 • Murfreesboro, NC 27855

Nebo Missionary Baptist Church is seeking a full-time pastor to lead the 500 plus member congregation. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church has a rich history of over 125 years and is recognized for its leadership in local and statewide Baptist organizations. Applicants who want to be considered for this position must have the following:
Born Again Christian/Spirit filled pastor/minister who is interested in winning souls to Christ and demonstrates it through the teaching and preaching of God's word.

1. Must be Licensed and Ordained as a Baptist pastor/minister with a minimum of five years of actual pastoral experience.
2. Must have attended Theological School and completed an accredited Bible college with a Bachelor Degree.
3. Must be able to teach as well as preach God's word.
4. Must be guided by the Holy Spirit and able to apply God's wisdom as detailed in the Bible in all actions and decisions as a leader of Nebo Missionary Baptist Church.
5. Must have excellent leadership skills with a broad knowledge of the Baptist Doctrine, Baptist Policy, church policies and procedures, and possess a willingness to follow the by-laws governing Nebo Missionary Baptist Church.
6. Should be well versed in Robert Rules of Order and know how to conduct a church meeting.
7. Should have a good working knowledge of the business and financial aspects of the church.
8. Must be skilled compassionate counselor and willing to counsel the members of the congregation.
9. Must be a person with high moral integrity, have a humble spirit, and not argumentative or overbearing.
10. Must live a Christian life inside and outside the church.
11. Must have excellent communication skills and a sincere willingness to be a good listener.
12. Must have the ability to work will all age groups in the congregation.
13. Should be able to recognize the diversity of talents in the church and have a willingness to develop and use the spiritual gifts of the congregation.
14. Should have knowledge of and promote the Church's involvement in total church ministry, the local, state, and national Baptist associations.
15. Must be willing to submit to a Police background check, drug test, character and credit check and must live in or be willing to relocate within a 30 mile radius of Nebo Missionary Baptist Church.
16. Be willing to visit and commune with sick and shut in and bereaved families.

All interested applicants should submit a resume with a cover letter and a copy of your Ministerial License to the following address.
NEBO MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
Attention: Pastoral Search Committee
P.O. Box 681
Murfreesboro, North Carolina 27855
ALL RESUMES MUST BE POSTMARKED AND RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 15, 2007

PASTOR VACANCY

New Hill Baptist Church • Clayton, NC

Qualifications:

1. Born again Christian.
2. Must have the biblical qualities of a Pastor defined in Timothy
3. Must be licensed and ordained as a Baptist Minister.
4. Is factual in doing and caring out the functions of the church and has the ability to teach and preach God's word.
5. Working experience with all ages in church.
6. Family and Community oriented.
7. Believe and abided by the Baptist Doctrine and Church covenant
8. Supportive of the General Baptist State Convention.
9. Must be at least 40 years or older and pastoral experience.
10. Must be willing to submit to a criminal background check.
11. Must be willing to share their vision for spiritual growth of the church.
12. Must exemplify good communication, leadership, administration and counseling ability.
13. Have the knowledge of Missionary Baptist Church Doctrine Policies and willingly abide by them.

References/Resume

- 3 references with address and contacts included

Send Reference and Resume to:

Sis Cora Sneed
750 King Circle
Selma, NC 27576
(919) 965-5315

Pastoral Vacancy

We are accepting resumes from ordained Baptist Ministers to fill the pastoral vacancy. Resumes will be accepted until November 30, 2007 by mail.

A list of Job Description and Qualifications:

- A minimum if (5) years of pastoral experience.
- Graduate of an accredited college and Seminary .
- Administrative and leadership skills.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Expected to teach, counsel, perform marriage ceremonies, visit sick, and conduct funerals.
- Represent the church at Association, State, and National Conventions.
- Family and community oriented.
- Ability to work with all ages in the church.
- Cooperate with church officials.
- Must be a good role model of moral and ethical con duct.
- Concerned with the spiritual and intellectual growth of the Church.

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GBSC THEME

"To Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced...through Education, Missions and Fellowship," Matthew 28:19-20

By Reverend Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr.
President GBSC



Rev. Dr. Gregory K. **Moss, Sr.**

Season's greetings to you in Jesus' joy.

It seems like only yesterday we ushered in the year 2007, and now we are approaching its end. It has proved to be a challenging, exciting and fulfilling time in Baptist life. The forecast for our convention is encouraging. There is a renewed energy in our convention. Excitement fills the air and expectations have been raised. It is our prayer and intention to sustain the momentum generated in our Annual Session. Soon convention leaders, special committees and staff will began laying the foundation for the next phase of "fresh water". Continuing the commitment to deliver a higher level of education, equipping and fellowship to our associations and local churches is our priority. Faithfulness to the calling God has placed upon this administration is our TOP priority. Your participation and prayers are needed and welcomed.

Holidays are a wonderful time for family, fun, fellowship and of course, reflection. While millions celebrate, other millions will experience alienation, depression, grief, homelessness, hunger, isolation and or loneliness. How refreshingly different it would be if General Baptist petitioned God to allow us to be a blessing (break-through) to others rather than expecting to be the recipient of one. Let's make it our business to encourage others to embrace giving on a totally different level than before. Rather than giving debt-laden material gifts, how about a gift of our time in conversation and acts of kindness. Peter and John were on to something--"Silver and gold have I none…in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth…". This holiday season and everyday therein build relationships with others on behalf of Jesus the Christ. You will be giving the gift of (eternal) life.

Also, be reminded that we still reside on this side of injustices in our nation where they are far too often the rule rather than the exception. Our continued prayers and steadfast support are still needed for Jena 6, James Johnson (in Wilson, North Carolina) Smithfield and countless others across the state, nation and globe. Our prayers must be accompanied by monetary and physical presence support. Whatever the method and level, your contribution is greatly appreciated and will not return to you void.

During the month of December, our Executive Secretary, Dr. Haywood T. Gray, will be on a much needed and deserved leave of absence. The other staff will be available to assist you. Thanks are again in order to Dr. Gray and the staff for all they do. Also please be mindful of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet in Greenville, North Carolina in January and a forthcoming Executive Committee meeting. Committee members will receive notice of said meeting by mail.

Thank you for all you do--your sacrifice, commitment, loyalty, and what you are going to do on behalf of God through our convention. Enjoy family, friends and fellowship while having a wonderful holiday. Keep Christ first!

A Life Having Demonstrated Christ's Love

Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention

On October 22, 2007, the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of NC, Auxiliary to GBSC, became the beneficiary of $20,000.00 to be distributed evenly among the Central Children's Home, Baptist Assembly and State Missions. The generous benefactor was the late Mrs. Clara Olive York Motley, a devoted and committed member and board member of the Woman's Convention. Her final expression of love toward this Convention was included in her Last Will and Testament and executed by her beloved son, Columbus Eugene Motley, Jr.



Mrs. Motley, born March 14, 1914 and died August 27, 2006, was the daughter of the late Edward and Rosa Diggs York. Having completed her elementary and high school education, she attended Shaw University, Raleigh, and earned a B.S. Degree in Home Economics in 1936. She also did further study at N.C. State University, Raleigh, East Carolina University, Greenville, and North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro. As an educator, she shared her teaching ministry as a teacher and as a Home Economics agent with the N.C. State Agricultural Extension Service with whom she remained in employment until her retirement in 1976.

At an early age she received the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. She then allowed Him use her life to serve through the Sunday School, Board of Christian Education, Deaconesses (First Baptist, Powellsville); Woman's Convention, Lott Carey Woman's Auxiliary, West Roanoke Missionary Woman's Auxiliary, and Bertie County Senior Citizens and others. This missionary was married to the late C.G. Motley, Sr., a Vocational Agricultural teacher, and to this union was born a son, C.G. Motley, Jr., *To God Be the Glory for the benefactor and her generous gift for missions-in-action!*

Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet in Greenville
KEYNOTE SPEAKER:



Dr. John W. Kinney
Dean of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University.
Richmond, VA

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Friday, January 11, 2008
Greenville Convention Center
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Dr. Haywood T. Gray
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
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1. That's what we were established to do. In 1867 in Goldsboro, what became known as the General Baptist State Convention was established to collect funds from the Churches to support Shaw University. The Headquarters is set up to handle these donations ... that's what we existed do!

2. Sending funds through Baptist Headquarters reduces the workload on the objectives. If 300
Churches each send a contribution directly to each of the objectives in a month, that's 300 checks to be processed, 300 receipts to be prepared, 300 letters to be mailed. If those same 300 churches sent their funds to the Headquarters, the objective has only one check to process.

3. It's the clearest way to know our Baptist witness for missions is in North Carolina. When funds for the objectives come through the Headquarters, we have the truest picture of how we support missions. We know where the funds are coming from.

4. The Baptist Headquarters represented the Churches on the decision-making Boards of the objectives. You are represented on the Boards and decision-making groups of the objectives. It is reasonable to have someone representing the interests of the General Baptist churches when decisions are being made about how to spend the money that Churches give to objectives.

5. 100% of your contribution goes to the objectives. All of the funds collected by the Headquarters issent to the objective intended. No administrative fee is kept by the Convention of your objective dollars. Other agencies (like the Red Cross) keep a percentage of what you send for "overhead." Not so with the GBSC.

6. Individual churches do not lose recognition for their giving when they give through the Baptist Headquarters. The Headquarters reports to the objectives the amounts that the Churches have contributed individually. Therefore, Churches may still receive recognition for their gifts; even though they send their funds through the Baptist Headquarters.

7. The Baptist Headquarters can report to the Churches on any rime period requested. Most churches operate on a calendar year (January to December). Shaw University's and Lott Carey's fiscal years start July 1 and end June 30. National Baptist Convention's fiscal year begins June 1 and ends May 30. Central Children's Home starts October 1 and ends September 30. GBSC's fiscal year begins September 1 and ends August 31. But the GBSC has started to use software that can track contributions through any time period to be helpful to Churches.

8. We can do more to influence missions united than we can separately. While $1,000.00 contribution from one Church is significant, just how much more significant is it when $1,000,000.00 comes through the Baptist Headquarters.

Please prayerfully and thoughtfully and seriously consider sending your Church's support for missions (Shaw University, Shaw Divinity School, Central Children's Home, am Loft Carey Baptist Foreign Missions Convention) through the Baptist Headquarters. ■

Campaign 750

1. What is *Campaign 750*? *Campaign 750* is an effort to have 750 Churches agree to give $100.00 each month designated for State Missions. The second part of the Campaign is to identify three (3) persons in each of the 750 Churches who will give $10.00 each month designated for State Missions.

2. Does my Church have to give every month? Yes. In order for the Campaign to be successful and the necessary funds raised, each Church that enrolls will be expected to contribute each month.

3. When are funds due? *Campaign 750* funds are due by the **tenth day of each month**. Please be sure that your financial staff mails your check in sufficient time to be received at the Baptist Headquarters by the tenth day of each month.

4. Does our Church need a special form? No. All your Church needs to do is to make a note on the check for *Campaign 750* and the proper accounting of your funds will be noted.

5. May we send our contributions for missions and objectives in the same check as *Campaign 750*? PLEASE DO NOT. Please send a separate check for *Campaign 750*. Your funds will be deposited into a restricted account separate from the account where other monies are deposited.

6. Can my Church pay up ahead of time? If your Church wishes to send its funds in advance (for example, $300.00 for a quarter), it may do so. However, Churches are encouraged to send the funds monthly.

7. Why is it important to send the funds monthly? By sending funds monthly, we are much better able to budget for the Convention's expenses. We can project what we will receive each month and plan to pay the Convention's bills which are received each month.

8. May a Church send more than $100.00 a month? Most certainly. The $100.00 is the minimum amount requested. This amounts to $25.00 a Sunday for those Churches with services every Sunday. (it's only $12.50 a service if your Church has two services on Sunday.) Some Churches will decide to send more when thinking of their resources and blessings.

9. What about our Church's contributions to the other objectives? Your Church is still expected to contribute regularly to support the objectives of the Convention. The *Campaign 750* donation is above and beyond what your Church is currently sending. If your Church is not supporting the Convention, *Campaign 750* gives your Church a good starting point.

10. How should we find individuals in our Church to contribute? Whatever method you use is fine. You may solicit three people to give for an entire year. You may solicit three different people each month.

11. How should the funds collected from individuals be sent in? Our preference would be that the Church collect the funds and send them along with the Church's funds once a month. However, if the individuals choose to send their contributions directly to us, please be sure that they indicate *Campaign 750* on their check as well as give the name of your Church.

12. What will be done with the funds when we send them in? *Campaign 750* funds will be deposited directly into a restricted account. As the Convention has needs to use the funds send, money will be transferred from the restricted account. By handling the funds this way, the Headquarters will be best able to account for all contributions received.

13. What will the funds be used for? First, the funds will be drawn upon to pay for OPERATIONS expenses. Secondly, the funds will be drawn upon to pay for PROGRAMMING expenses. Finally, the funds will be drawn upon to pay for CONVENTION DEBT TO VENDORS.

14. How long will it take to pay off the Convention's debt? Along with other strategies to retire our debt, it is estimated that the Convention's debt could be settled in twenty-seven (27) months if *Campaign 750* is fully implemented.

15. What will happen once the debt to vendors is paid? The Convention will then apply funds from *Campaign 750* to pay funds due to the objectives from previous fiscal years.

16. What happens once the funds due to objectives is paid? Once the Convention has met all of its debt obligations (both to vendors and to the objectives), the funds from *Campaign 750* will be used to expand the Convention's programming and services.

17. Will we stop enrolling Churches once 750 have enrolled? Certainly not. We would like to see every General Baptist Church participate. 750 is a goal to work toward. We hope to exceed this goal.

18. Could an Association or and Association Auxiliary enroll? Yes. We would welcome the support from Associations or Auxiliaries of Associations.

19. What if our Church loses track of our contributions? Not a problem. You will receive a receipt and the Baptist Headquarters will be able to provide a statement of your contribution upon request.

20. Can our Church designate where we want *Campaign 750* funds applied? No. If you wish to make a contribution for a certain reason, please do not label your funds *Campaign 750*. Funds for *Campaign 750* will be used according to the greatest immediate need: either operations, programming, or debt reduction. You may always send a designated contribution which will be applied according to your instructions. ■

Patience: *There will be a time when loud-mouthed, incompetent people seem to be getting the best of you. When that happens, you only have to be patient and wait for them to self destruct. It never fails* Richard Rubolt

First Vice-President

Dr. Nilous Avery, II, D. Min.
First Vice-President

Peace to you all, and love with faith, from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the season when the world celebrates Christmas and the New Year in swift succession. Special attention is given to performing acts of compassion and embracing the angelic praise of "peace on earth among those whom God favors" (Luke 2:14, NRSV). Wouldn't it be nice if the hearts and minds of humankind were mobilized and energized to possess this mindset throughout the year?!



Dr. Nilous **Avery, II**

The world now stands in between the time when the Lord came into the world and the time when He will come again. The Lord's appearing here on that night in Bethlehem over 2,000 years ago provided a look at a policy that often plagues our world --- a policy of "no room." The savior of the world was born in an area usually set aside for the animals. There was no room for his family in that crowded town filled with people who had complied with Caesar Augustus' decree that all inhabitants of Rome's empire be registered.

This "no room" policy continued when King Herod received word that the Messiah had been born in Bethlehem. Herod sent his soldiers to kill all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under. Herod had a "no room" policy --- he would not tolerate any sharing of his throne.

Jesus often found Himself at odds with the political and religious leaders because of His passion for God and compassion for people. He placed human needs above tradition. He crossed lines and broke down barriers that alienated people because of their race, sex, status, and religion. He advocated the inclusion of all persons. As a result, Jesus was targeted for crucifixion because the political and religious leaders had a "no room" policy --- they would not tolerate any one defying their custom whose chief aim was to put and keep people "in their place."

Our world has a history of having a "no room" policy." Racism and sexism are twin cousins of evil that seek to oppress others simply because of their skin color or gender. Whole segments of our population are often abandoned and isolated based upon their race, gender, economic status, creed, and/or religious and political beliefs. When Jesus comes again, will the "no room" policy still be in effect? Will this policy that faced Him when He was born as a child face Him as He returns as King?

Many have not made room for others because they have not made room for Christ in their life. This season challenges us to lift the veil and tear down the walls that keep a "no room" policy in place.

- We must make room for the least, the lost, the lonely, the left out, the kept out, the locked out, and the knocked out.
- We must make room for the frail, the fragile, and the forgotten.
- We must make room for the distressed, the depressed, and the oppressed.
- We must make room for the hapless, the helpless, the hopeless, and the homeless.

If we do not strive to make room for those who are God's beautiful creatures, should we be surprised if God meets us at the gates of the Eternal City and declares: "There is no room for you?!"

Beloved, let us make room throughout the year to support the goals and objectives of our General Baptist State Convention. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THE RECENT 140th ANNUAL SESSION WITH YOUR PRESENCE, PRAYERS, and SPECIAL GIFTS FOR STATE MISSIONS! This is just the beginning of our efforts to make room as we "Convince the Unconvinced to be Convinced" through your generous and continual support of State Missions.

God's peace be with you all for a joyous Christmas and a fruitful, fulfilling, Spirit-filled New Year. "May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all" (2 Thessalonians 3:18, NLT). ■

These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto Him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.
(Prov. 6:16-19)

From the Third Vice-President



Rev. Ricky **Banks**

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We are in the season which emphasizes Christmas. We are reminded, *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life" –John 3:16.* Let us continue in the reception of this wonderful and marvelous Gift of and from God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and bow to Him "that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; **that you being rooted and grounded in love,** may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height –**to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge;** that you may be filled with all the fullness of God"–Ephesians 3:17-19. During this season and all during the year, let us **Stand in Love,** while the Holy Spirit, demonstrates through us the **Love of God,** the **Love of Christ,** in a world that lacks the understanding of real love and the fullness of **Christ**mas!

WHAT A GIFT FROM GOD!
HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

• REMINDERS •

ONE DAY SESSION

On Saturday, January 12, 2008, will be the One Day Session of the Woman's Baptist State Convention at the Greenville Convention Center, Greenville, beginning at 9:00 A.M. for Seniors, Young Adults and Youth. Year-Round and Conventional Committees may meet in the auditorium from 8:00 A.M.- 8:45 A.M. Chairpersons who desire to take advantage of this time should send a notice to the office by November 27, 2007, to be mailed to committee or fellowship members.

Because of GBSC's ML King Jr. Banquet on Friday night, Dr. Haywood Gray has released a bulletin stating, The Greenville Hilton Hotel, (207 SW Greenville Boulevard) is the preferred hotel for available overnight accommodations.... A special rate of $94.00 per night for doubles and kings has been secured with the Hilton. Persons desiring accommodations should make their reservations by December 12, 2007. ***The rate will not be honored after December 12, 2007.*** *The Hilton may be reached at 252-355-5000. Please make your reservations early, as space in the hotel is limited.*

"Christmas: Jesus, The Love of God"

MISSIONS BUDGET

The Proposed Missions Budget for 2007-2008, near $803,325, will be distributed among the objectives. **Checks and money orders should be made payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention or Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. Please give generously for State Missions so that we can realize our State Missions Budget. In order to help us reach the State Missions Budget section, we earnestly suggest that you please give 25% to 50% more than the suggested quota or intended gift, or at least please see to it that 2/3 of the funds which you send go to State Mission. Out of State Missions come all funds needed for Annual Session, Retreats, Conferences, Youth Bible Camp, Leadership Training Conference, Workshops, printing, staff salaries and benefits, rental for facilities, office supplies, office equipment, office operations, postage and other unnamed essentials. Without your committed and generous gifts for State Missions hardly will the Woman's Convention be able to operate and minister in the name of Jesus Christ.**

QUOTAS

Suggested financial quotas 2007-2008 should be sent out to church missionary circle presidents or a contact person. If your church does not receive a suggested quota by February 15, 2008, please write the Woman's Convention at P.O. Box 1818, Raleigh, NC 27602. Or contact the Convention Office immediately at (919) 833-4823. Please give us the name of contact person, mailing addresses, and telephone number, and the name and location of church. Missionary Union, Auxiliaries and District Conferences will receive quotas this year also.

The WBH&FMC United Central & Northern Assembly
Attendees: (All Persons, named in purpose, from Districts IV & VII)

"Not that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand."

II Corinthians 1:24

Introductory Statement For many a year the Woman's Convention has envisioned having getting acquainted/ visionary meetings in different regions across the state.

Purpose(s): To inform pastors, church circles, missionary county unions, district conferences, auxiliaries, interested persons of the Mission of Jesus Christ through the Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, Auxiliary to GBSC, in assisting witnessing and missions-in action across the state, country, and globe



Dr. Priscilla
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To allow interaction or dialogue between WBH& FMC officials/representatives and the above mentioned constituency in four (4) different settings across the state (one setting per quarter)

To renew and/or cultivate new partners of missions for the Cause of Jesus Christ through with the Woman's Convention

Date: February 2, 2008
Time: 9:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.
Place: New Zion Baptist Church
1310 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd
Greensboro, NC 27406
Rev.William F. Wright, Jr., Pastor
Contact Person: (Board member):
Reverend Linda Inman
Telephone Number: 336-750-3372

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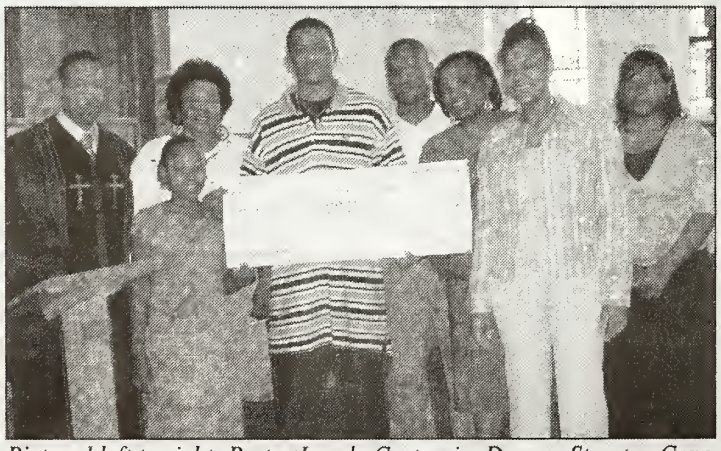
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First Baptist Church High Point, NCC Awards Scholarship

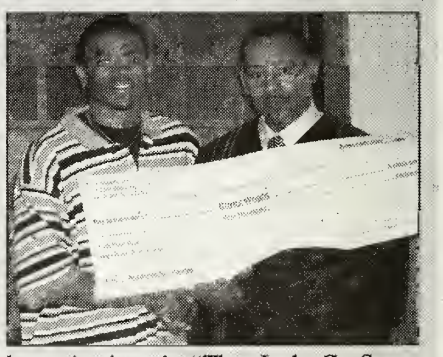
By Dennis H. Leach Sr.

In 1871 the First Baptist Church was founded by a former slave, the Rev. Harry Cowan; making it the oldest African American church in High Point. Like many of his era; he realized the importance of a good education, something that had been legally denied citizens of African descent. In today's context, the word on the street is; there are more African Americans in jail, than in college. As we look to our past, and move towards our future; we are grateful for the efforts of our ancestors, but they could not have done it without some help and assistance. Like that given by morally and; ethically inclined white brothers and sisters like the Quakers, the abolitionist, and the Freedman's Society to name a few.



Pictured left to right: Pastor Leach, Cortaysia, Deacon Streater, Cory, Kevin, Lavera, Coresha, Kalisha

Nearly thirty-two years ago, a friend of this church, Mr. Jack C. Stone who happened to be a white brother, donated nearly fifteen aches of land to it. This year we were able to sell that land, and receive a considerable return. In an effort to honor our benefactor, we as a church

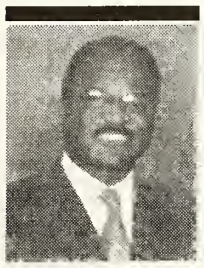


have instituted: "The Jack C. Stone Memorial Scholarship."

On November 2, 2007, Corey Wright received the inaugural award of the "Jack C. Stone Memorial Scholarship" in the amount of one thousand dollars ($1000.00.) He formerly attended T. Wingate Andrews High School, and was a point guard for the Red Raiders. He is presently a student at Chadron University, Chadron Nebraska, where he is distinguishing himself academically, and athletically.

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Laymen's League Auxiliary



Theodore **David**

Brother Theodore David, President GBSCNC Laymen's League Auxiliary

Greetings and a very happy Christmas holiday season to everyone. During this Christmas season, we must not forget why and how we, as Christians, are celebrating. We worship neither the gifts nor Saint Nick. We celebrate neither by secular partying nor by partaking of strong drink. But as Christians, we know that Jesus is the reason for the season and we celebrate as the three wise men did, by bowing down and worshipping Him, and Him only.

Christians recognize the fact that Jesus is the reason for not only the Christmas season, but He is the reason for all calendar seasons of the year, and for all of the personal/spiritual seasons of our lives, so that we should worship him during all seasons and times.

We look forward to working with the Laymen from all parts of NC to help fulfill our Laymen's Mission as well as help support and fulfill the missions and objectives of our local churches, our Associations; and our Baptist Convention (GBSCNC). Most of all, we Laymen will assist our Pastors, Moderators, and Convention leaders to fulfill the Great Commission.

An increasing number of Pastors and Moderators with God-Given visions for Men's Ministries within their Churches and Associations are organizing, developing, and deploying men into action. Ministries which strengthen not only the local churches and Associations, but which also strengthen the men as Christians in the church, in the Association, at home, on the job, and in the community. Ministries which develop men as disciples and fishers of men.

Our next opportunity to dwell together in unity as a State Laymen's League Auxiliary will occur on December 8, 2007 in Rocky Mount, NC at Mt. Zion Baptist Church where the Reverend Donaldson Jones, Sr. serves as Pastor.

he NC Laymen's League Auxiliary thanks all Laymen and Laymen supporters who traveled with the Laymen's Auxiliary to Palatka Florida to participate in the SE Regional Walter Cade Laymen's Workshop during late September 2007. It was a glorious experience. The next SE Regional Workshop will be held in Greenville, SC during September 2008. We're asking that you would mark your calendars and submit your registrations well in advance of the event.

The Laymen's Leadership Team is truly grateful for your support and prayers. We attribute any success which we may have experienced to God's grace, mercy, and favor. We solicit your prayers, support, and continued collaboration as we remain steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord

"I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9:4

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320 W. Thomas Street
Rocky Mt., NC 27804
252-442-1627

From the Elizabeth City area:

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From the Fayetteville Area:

I-95 N.-merge onto US-64 E. via exit 138 toward Rocky Mt./Tarboro--Take the Benvenue Rd./NC-43/NC-48 exit toward Falls Rd. Turn right onto NC-43/NC-48/ Benvenue Rd.--follow NC48--turn right onto US- 301 BR S. -- turn right onto US-64 BR W.--end at Mt. Zion.

From the Shelby/ Charlotte Area:

E- Dixon Blvd-becomes 74-E-- merge onto I-85 N. Toward Gastonia/Charlotte--take I-40 E. toward Raleigh--keep left to take I-440E/US-64 E. via exit 301 toward Rocky Mt. --merge onto 64-E via exit 14 toward Wilson/Rocky Mt.--Take the Benvenue Rd./NC-43/NC- 48 toward Falls Rd.-turn right onto Benvenue Rd--continue to follow NC-48-turn right onto 301Br S.-Turn right onto 64 Br W-- end at Mt. Zion First.

From the Asheville/Statesville Area:

I-240 E--merge onto I-40 E via the exit on the left toward Statesville-- From Raleigh follow the same directions as Shelby/Charlotte. ■

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The Installation Service

The installation Service of Reverend Anthony L. Sanders was held on Sunday, November 11, 2007 at 5PM. During this celebratory occasion, the Town of Louisburg, North Carolina issued an OFFICIAL Seal Proclamation to publicly recognize the appointment of Reverend Anthony L. Sanders to Jones Chapel Missionary Baptist Church as their spiritual leader.

Another Perspective

"There Is A Better Alternative?"

Dr. James W. Smith

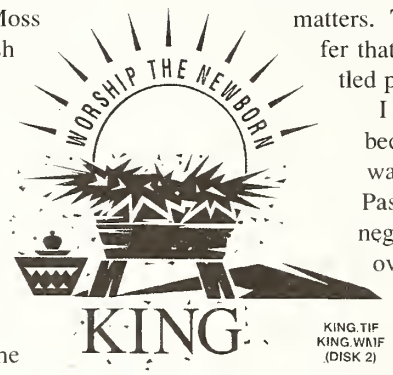


Dr. James W. **Smith**

Greetings and peace be unto you my brothers and sisters:

It is a privilege and joy to communicate with you again through the Baptist Informer. I hope from time to time that I will be able to lift up some issues that are important to the church and pastor.

First, I want to ask all of you who had the occasion to attend the Annual Session of the Convention to join with me in commending the President, the Executive Secretary and the staff for such marvelous program of inspiration and information. I have had the occasion to attend many sessions and this was one of the best. Many of you know that I was one of the challengers to President Moss for the position of President of this convention. When I ran, I stated to my wife that there were four people running for the position and only one would win. As a matter of fact, I told her that three will lose and one will win. President Moss won, and I for one, pledge to give him my wholehearted support. I urge the churches, pastors and everyone else who is not on board to get on board and let's make this convention what it can be. Certainly President Moss is bringing forth fresh waters. We bid him God's speed.



In this article, I would like to share this with you. A couple of months ago, I was asked to assist a church that had been taken to court by the Pastor who had "resigned" or as he said "forced out." It was the Pastor's position that he was forced out and the church owed him for three months' salary. Of course, the church's position was that he left on his own and that the church was not obligated to compensate him for three months' salary.

This case was moving through the legal system after having been filed a couple of years ago. It had now reached the point where the Pastor and the church were required to participate in mediation. I was contacted to assist the church in this mediation process. Legal fees in this matter for just one of the parties at the stage of mediation had already exceeded $10,000.00. The judge did not want to hear the case, as in most church matters. The courts would prefer that these matters be settled prior to court.

I am sharing this because as I sat there watching the former Pastor and this church negotiate back and forth over what amount the Pastor is entitled to with their lawyers, it created an eerie feeling in my spirit. The money that was spent for legal fees, court costs, mediation fees, etc. could have very well gone for ministry. It could have gone to State Missions, Shaw University, Central Children Home, Lott Carey, etc. It made me reflect on one of my decisions that I have now concluded was not of sound judgment.

The point that I make to our Pastors and churches is that in matters of conflict, it would best serve all parties to seek a way to solve the issues without resorting to court action. Remember, there is a better alternative.

If I can be of service to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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2007 Field Report of the Christian Education Coordinator of the GBSC, of NC, Inc.

Mrs. Portia H. Brandon, M. Div. - During this year, I have traveled approximately 21,275 miles promoting the work of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. I have participated in 54 events, including worship services, workshops, summits, training institutes, associations, and four National Conventions.

Date	Activity	Role	Organization	Location	RT Mileage
1/10/07	Publication of the *Baptist Informer*	Managing Editor	GBSC	Benson, NC	69
1/12/07	MLK Banquet	Administration	Greenville Convention Center	Greenville, NC	180
1/20/07	"The Ministry of the Deacon and Deaconess"	Workshop Leader	First Baptist Church	Thomasville, NC	240
1/22-25/07	National Congress Planning Meeting	Congress Board Member, Instructor, Scholarship Committee Member	National Baptist Convention Mid-Winter Session	Nashville, Tennessee	1560
2/2/07	""The Fruit of the Spirit"	Workshop Leader	Trent River Oakey Grove Baptist Association	Jacksonville, NC	240
2/9/07	"Rethinking Christian Education"	Workshop Leader	Congress One Day Session	Winston-Salem, NC	214
2/13/07	Publication of the *Baptist Informer*	Managing Editor	GBSC	Benson, NC	69
2/19-22/07	"Breaking Strongholds in the African American Family"	Workshop Leader	Mecklenburg County Missionary Union	Charlotte, NC	358
2/24/07	Ushers One Day Session	Administration	GBSC	Winston-Salem, NC	214
3/3/07	"Building a Church Leadership Team"	Workshop Leader	First Baptist Church	Franklinton, NC	60
3/6/07	"Strategies for Building a Great Commission Sunday School"	Workshop Leader	Reedy Creek Association	Hollister, NC	320
3/9/07	Publication of the *Baptist Informer*	Managing Editor	GBSC	Benson, NC	69
3/10/07	"The Biblical Basis of Christian Education"	Workshop Leader	The Greater Six Runs Missionary Baptist Church	Turkey, NC	150
3/17/07	"Rethinking Christian Education"	Workshop Leader	Rowan Baptist Association	Winston-Salem, NC	220
3/29/07	"Tithing or Tipping"	Workshop Leader	Wake Baptist Association	Louisburg, NC	80
4/1/07	"The Blood of Jesus": 100 Women in Red	Keynote Speaker	Sweet Gum Baptist Church	Mebane, NC	60
4/4-6/07	"Church Administration/*Church Etiquette"*	Workshop Leader	Mt. Zion First Baptist Church	Rocky Mount, NC	160
4/10/07	Publication of the *Baptist Informer*	Managing Editor	GBSC	Benson, NC	69
4/15/07	"It's Time For A Change"	Keynote Speaker	Sassafras Grove Missionary Baptist Church	Yanceyville, NC	150
4/28/07	"Church Administration"	Workshop Leader	United Shiloh Association	Henderson, NC	168
5/2/07	"Church Etiquette"	Workshop Leader	Savannah Missionary Baptist Church	Fayetteville, NC	152
5/5/07	Women's Day: "Blessings & Benefits"	Workshop Leader	Union Chapel Baptist Church	Burgaw, NC	242
5/10/07	Publication of the *Baptist Informer*	Managing Editor	GBSC	Benson, NC	69
5/13/07	"Living Without Regret"	Mother's Day Speaker	Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church	Salisbury, NC	282
5/17/07	"Ushering Techniques"	Workshop Leader	New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church	Henderson, NC	110
5/18/07	Eldercare Workshop	Workshop Leader	Pee Dee Baptist Association Institute	Rockingham, NC	260
5/19/07	Women's Prayer Breakfast: "Godly Relationships"	Featured Speaker	New Hope Baptist Church	Oxford, NC	118
5/21-25/07	"Church In Kingdom Order"	Institute Instructor	Kenansville Eastern Association	Warsaw, NC	314
6/12/07	Publication of the *Baptist Informer*	Managing Editor	GBSC	Benson, NC	69
6/18-23/07	"Rethinking Christian Education"	Instructor	National Congress of Christian Education	St Louis, MO	2598
6/25-28/07	GBSC Oratorical Conference	Coordinate, register, & deposit funds	Winston-Salem State University	Winston-Salem, NC	214
7/10/07	Publication of the *Baptist Informer*	Managing Editor	GBSC	Benson, NC	69
7/14-15/07	Annual Women's Day Observance: "The Church"	Feature Speaker	Metropolitan Baptist Church	Rocky Mount, NC	130
7/16/07	"Kingdom Keys"	Keynote Speaker	Rowan Woman's Auxiliary Banquet	Greensboro, NC	178
7/17/07	"Key Church Strategies for the 21st Century"	Workshop Leader	Rowan Association Annual Session	Winston-Salem, NC	220
8/10/07	Publication of the *Baptist Informer*	Managing Editor	GBSC	Benson, NC	69
8/13-17/07	"Operation in as much"	Instructor	Lott Carey Convention	New Orleans, LA	1989
8/19/07	"Restoration & Forgiveness"	Women's Day Keynote Speaker	Mt. Zion Baptist Church	Asheville, NC	578
9/3/07	National Congress Planning Session	Congress Board Member, Instructor, Scholarship Committee Member	National Baptist Convention	Philadelphia, PA	1360
9/30/07	Women's Day Speaker: "Healing & Restoration"	Women's Day Speaker	Mt Gilead Baptist Church	Durham, NC	60
10/5-6/07	Closing Workshop: "Convince the Unconvinced To be convinced"	Workshop Leader	Cedar Grove Association	Danville, VA	184
10/10/07	Publication of the *Baptist Informer*	Managing Editor	GBSC	Benson, NC	69
10/11/07	"Building a Sunday School That Reaches People for Christ"	Workshop Leader	East Cedar Grove Association	Oxford, NC	120
10/13/07	Women's Conference: "Lightning the way for others to Christ"	Workshop Leader	Martin Street Baptist Church	Raleigh, NC	0
10/14/07	140th Church Anniversary: "Kingdom Order"	Feature Speaker	First Baptist Church	Murfreesboro, NC	301
10/19-20/07	Women's Conference "Divinely Inspired Women"	Workshop Leader	Center Grove Missionary Baptist Church	Red Springs, NC	396
10/27/07	"God's Favor"	Banquet Feature Speaker	Yadkin Valley Association	Elkin, NC	240
10/28-31/07	GBSC Annual Session,	Administration	GBSC Annual Session	Durham, NC	60
11/17/07	Publication of the *Baptist Informer*	Managing Editor	GBSC	Benson, NC	69
11/17/07	Association Banquet: "Making Provision For The Vision"	Keynote Speaker	Trent River Oakey Grove	Trenton, NC	280
11/18/07	Foreign Mission Day: "Paul In Athens"	Feature Speaker	St. John Missionary Baptist Church	Battleboro, NC	158
11/24/07	"Women with a vision to the Future"	Women's Conference Leader	Apex First Baptist	Apex, NC	30
11/25/07	"A Work In Progress"	Women's Day Speaker	Apex First Baptist	Apex, NC	30
11/29/07	"Church Etiquette"	Workshop Leader	Northampton Association	Garysburg, NC	207

The 2008 Calendar



Portia H. **Brandon**

Mrs. Portia H. Brandon, M. Div.

JANUARY

1 New Year's Day

11 GBSC, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Banquet Greenville, NC

12 WBH & FMC One-Day Session Greenville Convention Center, Greenville, NC

15 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday

19 Ushers' Executive Board Meeting 10:00 AM Baptist Headquarters Raleigh, NC

21 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday (Observed)

28-30 National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Mid-Winter Board Session Georgia World Congress Center - Atlanta, GA

30-Feb 1 National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. Dr. William J. Shaw, President A Celebration of a New Baptist Covenant: Georgia World Congress Center - Atlanta, GA

FEBRUARY

2 Executive Committee, Baptist Headquarters Time TBA

2 Program Committee Meeting, Baptist Headquarter Time TBA

2 United Central & Northern Assembly, 9:30 A.M., TBA

3-6 Shaw University Religious Emphasis Week

6 Ash Wednesday

8 GBSC Congress of Christian Education Teacher's Meeting (7 PM) Marriott, Winston Salem, NC

9 GBSC One Day Session of Christian Education M. C. Benton Convention Ctr Winston Salem, NC

14 Valentine's Day

18 President's Day

22 One-Day Session Ushers' Convention - 8:00 AM M. C. Benton Convention Ctr Winston-Salem, NC 27101

MARCH

8 Laymen's Study Commission-Providence MBC, Edenton, NC

16 Palm Sunday

17 St Patrick's Day

17 Ushers' Executive Board Meeting - 10:00 AM Baptist Headquarters Raleigh NC

17-21 Shaw Divinity School 35th Annual Alexander/Pegues Conference - Raleigh, NC

21 Good Friday

22 Executive Committee Meeting, (WBH & FMC) Baptist Headquarters, 8:45 A.M. Raleigh, NC

22 Executive Board Meeting, Baptist Headquarters, 10:00 A.M Raleigh, NC (WBH & FMC)

23 Easter

27-29 63rd National Baptist Student Union Retreat, Dallas Texas

APRIL

5 VBS Workshop, Pee Dee Association, Laurinburg, NC

5 State-Wide Leaders' Workshop, St. Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC

7 Easter Monday

18 Laymen's Banquet (Mid Annual) Mt Zion MBC, Rocky Mount, NC

19 Laymen's Mid-Annual Session-Mt Zion MBC, Rocky Mount, NC

MAY

3 WBH & FMC Ministers' Wives and Widows Weekend Retreat

6-7 GBSC Mid-Year Session

9 Shaw University Baccalaureate

10 Shaw University Commencement

10 Executive Committee Meeting (WBH & FMC) Baptist Headquarters, 10:00 A.M. Raleigh, NC

10 Program Committee Meeting Baptist Headquarters, 12:00 Noon (WBH & FMC)

11 Mother's Day

13 N C Council of Churches House of Delegates Meeting, TBA

17 Ushers' Executive Board Meeting - 10:00 AM Baptist Headquarters Raleigh, NC

17 Laymen's Mini Skill Conference, J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly

24 United Southern Assembly, 9:30 A.M., TBA

26 Memorial's Day

JUNE

7 WBH & FMC Young Adult Retreat

9 - 13 Leadership Training Conference Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, NC

14 United Eastern Assembly, 9:30 A.M., TBA

14 Laymen's Study Commission-Penn Ave BC, Oxford

15 - 19 WBH & FMC First Week of Youth Bible Camp, Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, NC

15 Father's Day

15-21 National Baptist Congress of Christian Education Dr. R. B. Holmes, Jr., President Louisville, KY

21 Shaw Divinity's Church Leader's Conference

21 Missions Prayer Day (County Unions, et. al.)

22 - 27 Second Week of Youth Bible Camp - Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, NC

23-25 Oratorical Conference, Winston Salem State University

29 - July 4 Third Week of Youth Bible Camp - Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, NC

JULY

4 July Fourth Holiday

11-12 Laymen's Men and Boy's Retreat

17-18 Single/Married Conference/ TBA

21-25 American Baptist Churches of the South, Orlando, FL

21-26 Baptist World Alliance/Annual Gathering Prague, Czech Republic

27 –31 All Baptist Assembly Winston-Salem, NC

28 Executive Board Meeting, 10:00 A.M. (WBH & FMC

AUGUST

3-9 Progressive National Baptist Convention (Annual Session) Major J. Jemison, President Atlanta, GA

11-15 Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention Rochester, NY

16 Ushers' Executive Board Meeting 10:00 AM Baptist Headquarters - Raleigh, NC

23 Laymen's Scouting Camporee, J. J. Johnson B.A.-Laurel Hill, NC

SEPTEMBER

1 Labor Day

1-5 National Baptist Convention of America (Annual Session) Dr. Stephen J. Thurston, President: Houston, TX

8-12 National Baptist Convention, USA (Annual Session) Dr. William J. Shaw, President Cincinnati, OH

13 Executive Committee Meeting, Baptist Headquarters, 10:00 A.M. (WBH & FMC)

13 Program Committee Meeting, Baptist Headquarters, 12:00 Noon (WBH & FMC)

13 Laymen's Men's Retreat, J. J. Johnson B. A.-Laurel Hill, NC

26-28 Walter Cade, Jr., SE Laymen's Workshop, Greenville, SC

27 Family Missions Conference (WBH & FMC)

OCTOBER

10 Shaw University Founder's Day Convocation

11 WBSC Institute Workers' Workshop, Baptist Headquarters, 10:00.

11 Program Committee Meeting, Baptist Headquarters (WBH & FMC)

18 Ushers' Executive Board Meeting - 10:00 AM Baptist Headquarters Raleigh, NC

28-29 GBSC Annual Session (TBA)

NOVEMBER

1 Youth Evangelism Conference(WBH & FMC)

3 World Day of Prayer (BWA-Woman's Department

7 Ushers" Convention J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly 11:00 AM Laurel Hill, NC Lunch will be served after 12:00 pm

7 Usher's Workshop 8: 00 AM J. J. Johnson Baptist Assembly Laurel Hill, NC

8 Executive Committee Meeting, Baptist Headquarters, 8:45 A.M. (WBH & FMC)

8 Executive Board Meeting, Baptist Headquarters, 10:00A.M. (WBH & FMC)

8 YBC & LTC Meeting, Baptist Headquarters

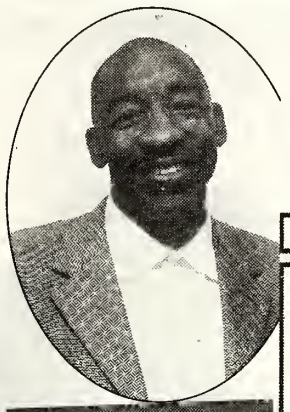
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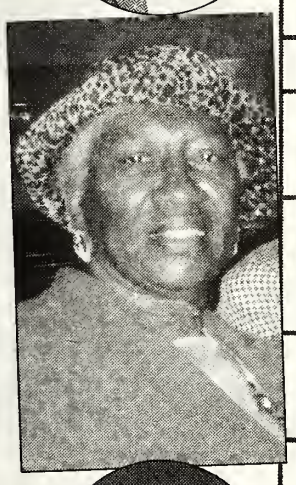
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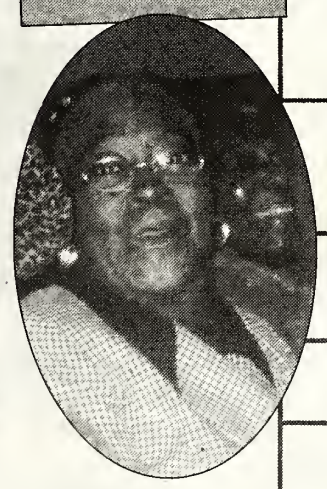
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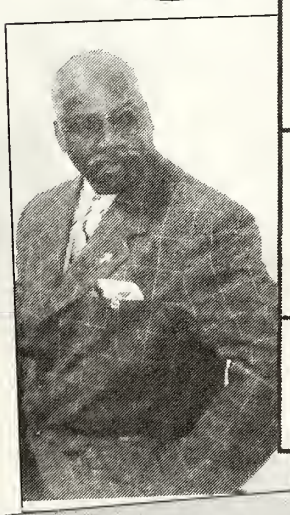
13 Laymen's Study Commission, Gethsemane MBC, Salisbury, NC

25 Christmas Day







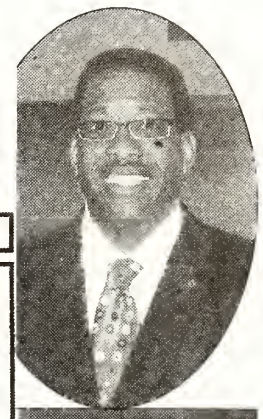


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General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

October 29-31, 2007 - Durham, North Carolina

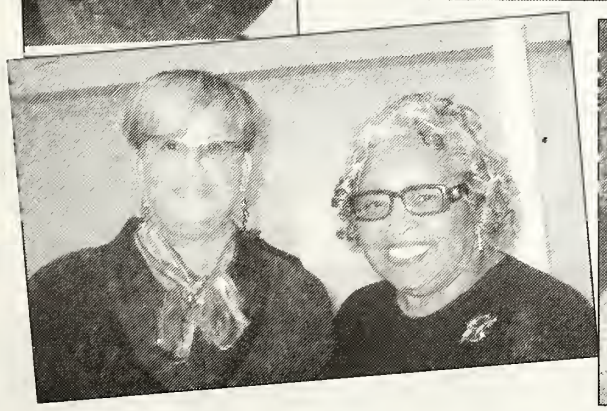
Monday, October 29, 2007	Tuesday, October 30, 2007	Wednesday, October 31, 2007
Sessions at UNION BAPTIST CHURCH 904 N. Roxboro Street, Durham (Unless otherwise indicated)		7:00 - 9:00 am PASTORS ONLY BREAKFAST (Sponsored by Ministers Council) Millenium Hotel Rev. Percy High Rev. Prince R. Rivers
12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m. REGISTRATION	8:00 am - 5:00 pm REGISTRATION	8:00 am - 5:00 pm REGISTRATION
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. MUSIC EMPHASIS Rev. Lamont J. Johnson	9:00 - 10:00 am WORSHIP Dr. James E. Brown	9:00 - 10:00 am WORSHIP Rev. O. D. Sykes
2:00 - 2:30 pm PRESENTATION HEALTH INSURANCE ISSUES Mr. Gregory Nash Center for Health and Healing	10:00 - 11:30 pm WORKSHOP "Reaching for Persons on the Margins: The Challenge of Homelessness" Rev. Reggie Longcrier Exodus Homes Hickory, NC	10:00 - 10:15 am NC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE Rep. Linda Coleman Rep. Garland Pierce
2:30 - 2:45 pm PRESENTATION "Benefits for Life"/MMBB Rose M. Harper		10:15 - 11:00 am BUSINESS SESSION
2:45 - 3:00 pm PRESENTATION N. C. TEACHING FELLOWS Dr. Gladys F. Graves	1:30 - 2:00 pm OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 140th ANNUAL SESSION	11:00 - 11:30 am EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT Haywood T. Gray
3:00 - 3:30 pm WORKSHOP "Confronting the Myths: Women in Ministry" Rev. Jeanette B. Floyd	2:00 - 3:00 pm WORSHIP Dr. Serenus T. Churn, Sr. 2006 Annual Session Host Pastor Winston-Salem, NC	1:30 - 2:00 pm PRESENTATION AIM (Prison Ministry) Michael R. Smith Melvin Solomon
3:30 - 4:30 pm WORSHIP Rev. Jacqueline Smith	3:00 - 5:00 pm A COLLOQUY ON PREACHING Dr. Charles E. Booth Dr. Harry L. White	2:00 - 3:00 pm OBJECTIVES EMPHASIS Shaw University/Shaw Divnity Lott Carey Central Children's Home
6:45 - 7:00 pm MUSIC EMPHASIS Rev. Lamont J. Johnson	7:30 - 10:00 pm THE PEOPLES BANQUET Millenium Hotel 2800 Campus Walk Way Durham, NC Dr. William H. Curtis President Hampton Ministers Conference Keynote Preacher Tickets are available from The Baptist Headquarters 603 South Wilmington Street Raleigh, NC 27601-2338 $25.00 per person TICKETS MAY BE PICKED UP AT REGISTRATION BEGINNING MONDAY, OCTOBER 29 AT NOON	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS 1. "Grantwriting and Grant Procurement for Churches" Corliss Udoema 2. "Helping the Church Find Her Prophetic Voice: Social Justice and Social Action" Dr. John Mendez 3. "When Sheep Seek a Shepherd: Advice for Churches Seeking Pastors" Dr. John D. Fuller, Sr. 4. Church Lending & Financial Literacy Sharon Coleman & Dexter Perry 5. MMBB "Benefits for Life" Plan Rose M. Harper
7:00 - 8:00 pm A CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS IN WORSHIP "Singing: The Joy of Black Worship" Union Baptist Church Music and Arts Ministry Rev. Kenneth R. Hammond		
8:00 - 9:00 pm WORSHIP Dr. J. Donald Ballard		7:00 - 9:00 pm THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS Dr. Gregory K. Moss, Sr.
9:30 - 11:30 pm PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION Live Music Christian Comedian Millenium Hotel		







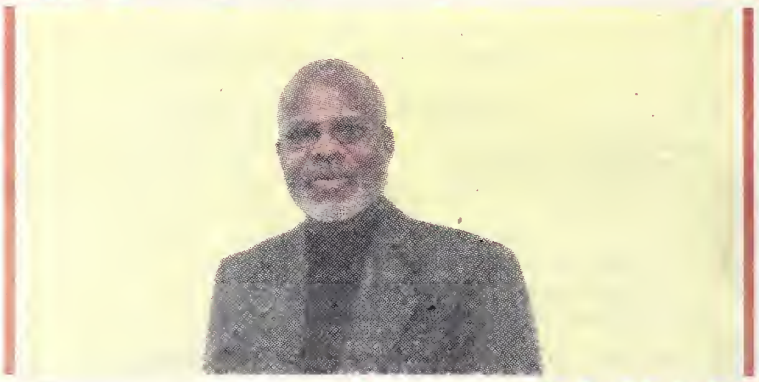








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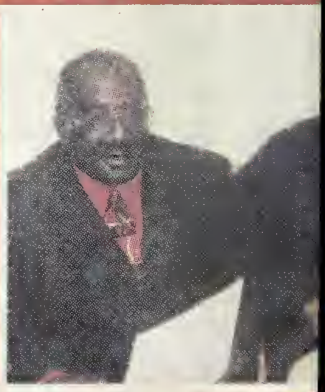




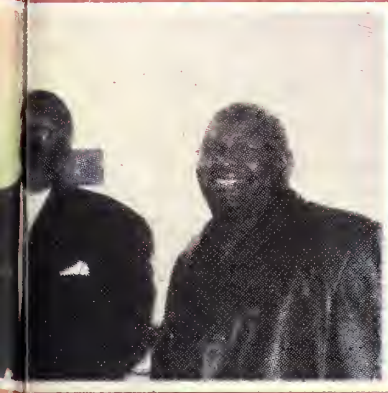


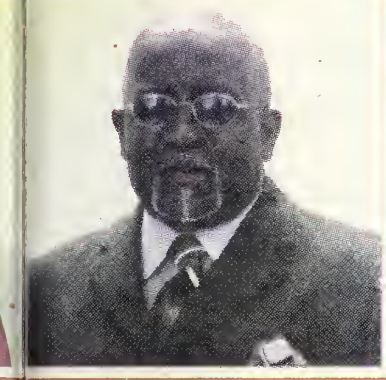




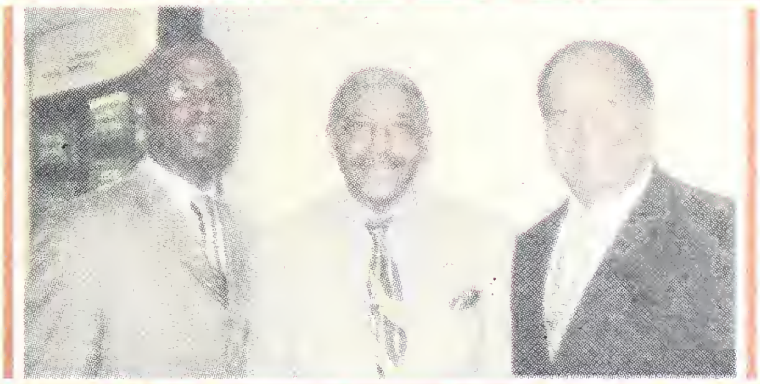
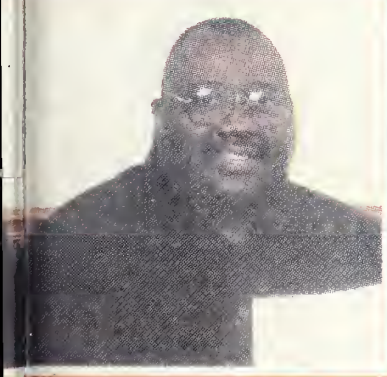



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ASSOCIATIONS:

BEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION: $1,450.00
- Barnes Chapel Baptist Church, Goldsboro $450.00
- First Missionary Baptist Church, Kinston $1,000.00

CEDAR GROVE ASSOCIATION: $850.00
- Miles Chapel Baptist Church, Mebane $500.00
- New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Roxboro $100.00
- Old Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Roxboro $250.00

COUNTY LINE ASSOCIATION: $6,315.00
- Association, Oxford $1,000.00
- Blue Wing Baptist Church, Oxford $100.00
- County Line Ministers & Deacon Union, Oxford $1,000.00
- County Line Ushers Union, Oxford $110.00
- Elijah Grove Baptist Church, Roxboro $500.00
- Granville County Missionary Union, Oxford $340.00
- Michael Creek Baptist Church, Stovall $500.00
- Morning Star Baptist Church, Oxford $500.00
- Penn Avenue Baptist Church, Oxford $500.00
- Stovall First Baptist Church, Stovall $1,000.00
- Vernon Hill Baptist Church, Roxboro $115.00
- Whetstone Baptist Church, Oxford $600.00
- White Rock Baptist Church, Oxford $50.00

DEEP RIVER ASSOCIATION: $2,325.83
- First Calvary Baptist Church, Sanford $450.00
- Lambert Chapel Baptist Church, Siler City $1,575.83
- Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Cameron $200.00
- Red Hill Baptist Church, Cameron $100.00

EAST CEDAR GROVE ASSOCIATION: $18,235.36
- Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Roxboro $100.00
- Jones Chapel Baptist Church, Roxboro $1,000.00
- Lawson Chapel Baptist Church, Roxboro $800.00
- New Hope Granville Baptist Church, Oxford $2,100.00
- Rock Spring Baptist Church, Creedmoor $500.00
- Siloam Baptist Church, Rougemont $300.00
- Passion Week Services $2,609.76
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 - Jones Grove Baptist Church, Hillsborough $550.00
 - Lee's Chapel Baptist Church, Cedar Grove $3,270.60
 - Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Mebane $1,000.00
 - Orange Cross Roads Baptist, Hillsborough $800.00
- Union Baptist Church, Durham $3,205.00
- West Durham Baptist Church, Durham $2,000.00

EBENEZER ASSOCIATION: $100.00
- Eskridge Grove Baptist Church, Shelby $100.00

FRANKLIN COUNTY ASSOCIATION: $2,125.00
- Association, Louisburg $300.00
- Nelson Chapel Baptist Church, Louisburg $1,800.00
- Old Liberty Baptist Church, Youngsville $25.00

GUILFORD ASSOCIATION: $2,600.00
- Association, Greensboro $2,600.00

HIGH POINT ASSOCIATION: $2,400.00
- Association, Oak Ridge $1,800.00
- Locust Grove Baptist Ch., Brown Summit $100.00
- Martin's Chapel Baptist Church, Mebane $500.00

JOHNSTON DISTRICT ASSOCIATION: $1,300.00
- First Missionary Baptist Church, Smithfield $1,300.00

LUMBER RIVER ASSOCIATION: $400.00
- Cedar Grove Baptist Church, St. Pauls $400.00

MECKLENBURG GENERAL ASSOCIATION: $7,000.00
- Friendship Missionary Baptist, Charlotte $2,000.00
- Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Charlotte $5,000.00

MIDDLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION: $2,767.25
- Big Ruin Creek Baptist Church, Henderson $250.00
- Concord Baptist Church, Kittrell $1,312.25
- Hawkins Chapel Baptist Church, Franklinton $200.00
- Red Bud Church, Henderson $1,005.00

MIDDLE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION: $1,090.00
- Canetuck Missionary Baptist Church, Currie $550.00
- Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wilmington $500.00
- Union Hill Baptist Church, Autryville $40.00

MIDDLE GROUND ASSOCIATION: $1,907.00
- Association, Oak City $200.00
- Conetoe Chapel Baptist Church, Conetoe $100.00
- St. Mark Baptist Church, Oak City $1,607.00

MOUNT PEACE ASSOCIATION: $5,200.00
- Greater Galilee Baptist Church, Charlotte $1,000.00
- Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Charlotte $200.00
- Saint Paul Baptist Church, Charlotte $4,000.00

MOUNTAIN & CATAWBA ASSOCIATION: $8,851.00
- Association, Statesville $7,750.00
- St. John Baptist Church, Statesville $1,000.00
- Third Creek Baptist Church, Stony Point $101.00

MUD CREEK ASSOCIATION: $600.00
- Greater New Zion Baptist Church, Fletcher $500.00
- St. Paul Baptist Church, Asheville $100.00

NEUSE RIVER ASSOCIATION: $5,810.00
- Association, Enfield $500.00
- Eastern Star Baptist Church, Tarboro $1,000.00
- First Baptist Church of Battleboro $600.00
- First Baptist Church, Halifax $210.00
- First Baptist Church, Weldon $200.00
- London Baptist Church, Roanoke Rapids $100.00
- Metropolitan Baptist Church, Rocky Mount $400.00
- Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Jackson $50.00
- Piney Grove Baptist Church, Jackson $50.00
- Quankey Baptist Church, Roanoke Rapids $1,250.00
- Roanoke Chapel Church, Littleton $100.00
- St. Peters Baptist Church, Weldon $300.00
- Swift Creek Baptist Church, Whitakers $100.00
- Tillery Chapel Baptist Church, Tillery $950.00

NEW HOME AND DURHAM ASSOCIATION: $100.00
- Lipscomb Grove Baptist Church, Durham $100.00

NEW HOPE ASSOCIATION: $24,063.18
- Association
- Bazzel Creek Church, Fuquay-Varina $2,000.00
- Cedar Rock Baptist Church, Apex $700.00
- Community Baptist Church, Durham $1,526.00
- Lincoln Memorial Baptist Church, Durham $720.91
- Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Durham $300.00
- Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Chapel Hill $1,800.00
- New Hope Baptist Church, Apex $1,500.00
- North East Baptist Church, Durham $750.00
- Olin T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church, Chapel Hill $11,166.27
- Peace Missionary Baptist Church, Durham $2,500.00
- White Oak Baptist Church, Apex $1,100.00

NORTHAMPTON ASSOCIATION: $3,000.00
- Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Henrico $1,500.00
- Faithful Band Sunday School, Pleasant Hill $200.00
- Roanoke Salem Baptist Church, Garysburg $1,000.00
- Zoar Missionary Baptist Church, Pendleton $300.00

OLD EASTERN ASSOCIATION: $2,637.15
- Kehukie Baptist Church, Scotland Neck $100.00
- Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Beaufort $1,500.00
- St. James Temple Church, Tarboro $200.00
- Weeping Mary Baptist Church, Tarbor $837.15

PEE DEE ASSOCIATION: $2,025.00
- Shiloh Baptist Church, Maxton $2,025.00

REEDY CREEK ASSOCIATION: $2,392.64
- Association, Roanoke Rapids $1,000.00
- Cedar Branch Baptist Church, Littleton $200.00
- Ivory Hill Baptist Church, Enfield $50.00
- Union Hill Missionary Baptist Ch, Nashville $1,142.64

ROANOKE ASSOCIATION: $5,450.00
- Albemarle Union Meeting, Plymouth $5,150.00
- Alligator Chapel Baptist Church, Columbia $100.00
- New Providence Baptist Church, Shawboro $100.00
- Providence Baptist Church, Edenton $100.00

ROWAN ASSOCIATION: $5,147.89
- Friendship Baptist Church, Lexington $200.00
- Genesis Baptist Church, Greensboro $1,000.00
- Gethsemane Baptist Church, Greensboro $1,000.00
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- Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Eden $300.00
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TAR RIVER ASSOCIATION: $1,300.00
- Association, Middlesex
- Bethlehem Missionary Bap Ch, Rocky Mt $100.00
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UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION $13,014.23
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 - New Bethel Baptist Church, Rex $250.00
 - Second New Light Baptist Church, St. Pauls $200.00
 - St. John Baptist Church, Shannon $200.00
 - St. Jude Baptist Church, Hope Mills $200.00
- Laurel Hill Baptist Church, Lumber Bridge $200.00
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- Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Ch, Fayetteville $3,000.00
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- Spring Hill Baptist Church, Hope Mills $105.00

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- First Baptist Church, Norlina $100.00
- First Baptist Church of Oxford $4,150.00
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- Haywood Baptist Church, Louisburg $300.00
- Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Ch, Warrenton $342.60
- Mitchell Baptist Church, Louisburg $625.00
- Spring Green Baptist Church, Warrenton $1,000.00
- Union Grove Baptist Church, Henderson $417.80
- Warren County SS & Baptist Training Union, Littleton $375.00

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Stewardship Report to the Office of the Executive Secretary – Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Incorporated

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St. Luke Baptist Ch, Windsor	$115.00
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Big Piney Grove Baptist Ch, Clinton	$2,000.00
First Baptist Ch of Clinton	$500.00
YADKIN VALLEY ASSO:	$4,669.35
Association, Roaring River	$855.00
Ararat Baptist Ch, Mount Airy	$781.05
Parks Grove Baptist Church, Wilkesboro	$100.00
Poplar Springs Baptist Church, Roaring River	$2,000.00
Thankful Baptist Ch, Boomer	$933.30
TOTAL	**$155,429.95**

SPECIAL OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS / UNIDENTIFIED

September 1, 2006 - August 31, 2007

GBSC	UNIFIED	DESIGNATED	SPECIAL	TOTAL
Sep. 06	$ 933.32	$ 774.66	$ -	$ 1,707.98
Oct. 06	$ 857.29	$ 1,885.86	$ -	$ 2,743.15
Nov. 06	$ 1,513.13	$ 3,331.63	$ -	$ 4,844.76
Dec. 06	$ 600.02	$ 3,083.34	$ -	$ 3,683.36
Jan. 07	$ 1,147.67	$ 3,364.71	$ -	$ 4,512.38
Feb. 07	$ 1,212.28	$ 1,139.87	$ -	$ 2,352.15
Mar. 07	$ 1,031.95	$ 4,334.88	$ -	$ 5,366.83
Apr. 07	$ 1,273.81	$ 1,855.49	$ 1,750.00	$ 4,879.30
May 07	$ 869.95	$ 3,387.03	$ -	$ 4,256.98
Jun. 07	$ 960.58	$ 2,831.50	$ -	$ 3,792.08
Jul. 07	$ 1,123.93	$ 6,148.71	$ -	$ 7,272.64
Aug. 07	$ 1,180.87	$ 19,094.76	$ 11,600.43	$ 31,876.06
TOTAL	$12,704.80	$ 51,232.44	$ 13,350.43	$ 77,287.67

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Baptist Deacons Brotherhood, Chadbourn	$100.00
Brotherhood of NC & SC	$900.00
Cedar Grove Baptist Church No. 2, Clarksville	$100.00
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Are You The Voice Of One Crying In The Wilderness?

Reverend Anthonette Wright, M.Div.
General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.
Recording Secretary & Evangelism Ministry



Rev. Anthonette **Wright**

"But if I say, I will not remember Him or speak anymore in His name, Then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire shut up in my bones and I am weary of holding it in, and I cannot endure it." (Jeremiah 20:9) How many times have you said, "Said I wasn't gonna tell nobody, but I couldn't keep it to myself?" Like Jeremiah we all have utter those words or words similar to them. But when you received some good news you just couldn't keep it to yourself.

The way to CONVINCE THE UNCONVINCED TO BE CONVINCED is to be the voice of one crying in the wilderness and spread the good news. What is the good news? Announce the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Salvation is available for everyone. This is a commitment to the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. and the outreach ministry of Evangelism.

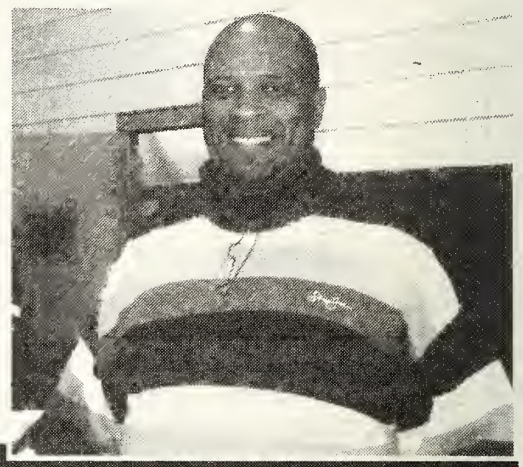
The Evangelism ministry continues to extend the gospel as GBSC constituents take the good news to the streets. This was accomplished at the 140th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. held in Durham at the Union Baptist Church. Over 15 delegates from all over the state reached out to the homeless at Urban Ministries as they prepared and served meals to over 200 people. The good news stretched to this year's banquet now expressed as "The Peoples Banquet." Dr. William Curtis, President of the Hampton Minister's Conference and Pastor of Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, preached to all of us and reminded us that we have to look at more than just leaves but be concerned about bearing fruit. So the gospel continued to broaden as we broke break together at the Peoples Banquet with 25 of our brothers and sisters from Urban Ministries.

As we continue to be the voice of one crying in the wilderness, we will continue to lift up the voice of God and cry out – Jesus Saves! To the Utmost, Jesus Saves!

A thought of discussion...

We typically evangelize to the homeless, to the drunkard, to the drug addict and the like, but how do we evangelize to the soul committed to a non-Christian religion? We welcome your discussion and comments. You may submit your responses to GBSCevangelism@aol.com.

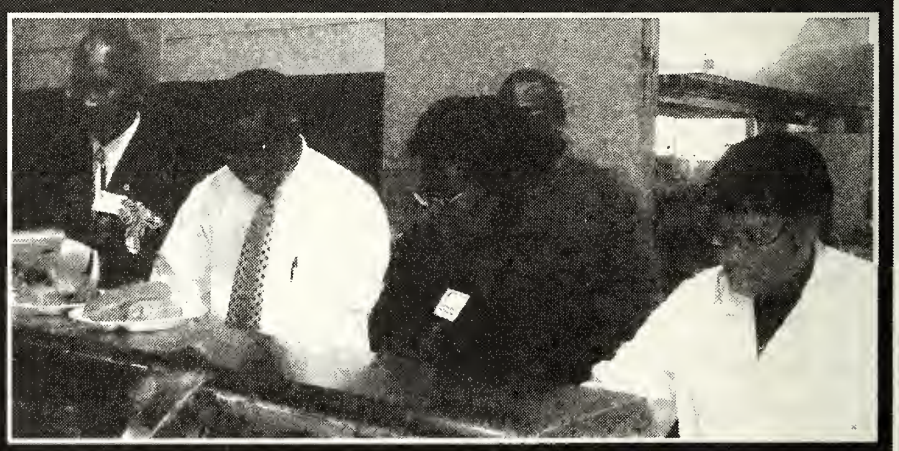
Grace and Peace be unto you! ■















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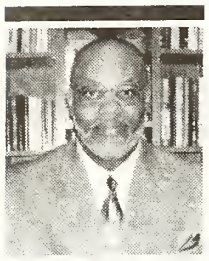
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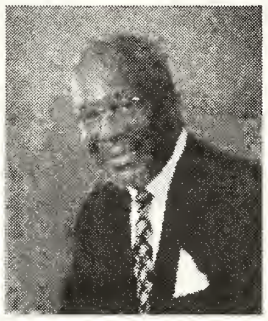
Dr. David C. Forbes Leads Revival



Michael R. **Smith**

One of the GBSC's leading senior Pastors, the Reverend Dr. David C. Forbes, Sr., of Christian Faith Baptist Church (CFBC) in Raleigh, N.C., led a four day (November 1-4) revival at Raleigh's Central Prison. The revival required Dr. Forbes to preach daily to both the general and death row populations which concluded with a Communion Service on Sunday morning. Central Prison is the state's largest maximum security prison. The inmates' pastoral care needs are met by two full-time state Chaplains, Senior Chaplain Randall Speer and Chaplain Bob Montgomery. Dr. Forbes has been a long time supporter of in-prison ministry and this would be his third time leading the annual revival services. These revival services are a highlight each year for the "Church" at Central Prison.

One of the men on "Life Row", as CFBC calls it, wanted to join Christian Faith Baptist Church because of the great love and compassion he received through the ministry of Pastor Forbes. He is now a disciple under the pastoral covering of Dr. Forbes. CFBC calls death row "Life Row" because Jesus Christ is there in Central Prison and wherever Jesus is there is spiritual life. Dr. Forbes also led a weekly Bible study at Central Prison for almost two years in carrying out the Great Commission of going into all the world to make disciples.



Rev. Dr. David C. Forbes, Sr.

Under Dr. Forbes' leadership, CFBC has supported Project Nehemiah (a re-entry program) at Raleigh's Wake Correctional Center, where Deacon Ray Scott has provided leadership for over 10 years. Also each year, the CFBC Prison ministry under the direction of Deacon Cecilia Walton has participated in the Angel Tree program (at-risk youth ministry) which supplies gifts at Christmas time and summer camping opportunities to the children of inmates. CFBC under the leadership of Pastor Forbes is truly overcoming evil with good by reaching, reconciling, and restoring human lives to the glory of God! Pastor Forbes' leadership in this area is a great inspiration.

WHAT IS YOUR CHURCH/ ASSOCIATION DOING?

AIM wants to know what your church or association is doing to overcome evil with good.

If you are involved in any phase of prison ministry (in-prison, at-risk youth, re-entry, victims of crime, or intercessory prayer), please let me know so we can compile a list of GBSC churches/associations that are actively involved in some aspect of prison ministry around the state. ■

Preaching As Entertainment

Rev. Al Fullwood is a Ph.D. candidate (Preaching),adjunct instructor of preaching
Shaw University Divinity School
Pastor of The Riley Hill Baptist Church, Wendell NC



Dr. Al **Fullwood**

During the classical period of ancient Greece a group known as Sophists perfected the art of speech writing and public speaking. Central to their study was rhetoric which is defined as the skill of using language and speech effectively or persuasively. Sophists were experts, professors, teachers and an authority on presenting arguments. They earned a reputation of "extravagant displays of language and for astonishing audiences with their brilliant styles . . . colorful appearances and flamboyant personalities." Frequently, a Sophist as professional orator would offer his services for pay, generally for legal purposes or entertainment in the public square. They razz led and dazzled the audience with their mastery of persuasive discourse.

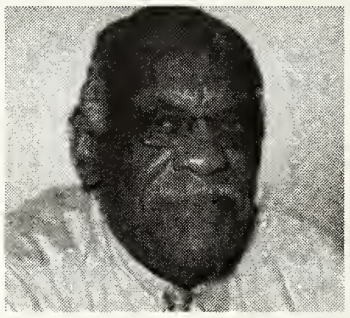
The Sophists became controversial for several reasons, particularly for their view of truth. For them, truth was not found in transcendent sources (God); rather truth emerged out of charisma of the speaker and a "clash of arguments." The essence of their thinking suggests that the meaning of life (reality) is linguistically (persuasive power of words) oriented, rather than objective truth. In other words, skillful Sophists became the source of true as opposed to being tool or bearer of truth. In this sense truth is not transcendent but subjective invention.

There is a sense that we (preachers) are becoming modern day Sophists, concerned about the use of flattering words in our pulpit discourse as opposed to gospel truth. The intent is to entertain an audience that would rather have amusing discourse than preaching that "convicts, converts and subverts." With our "platform grandstanding and showmanship" adorned in polished rhetoric, we preach to etching ears rather than wounded hearts. At the end of the day preaching becomes an act of entertainment in the interest of delighting the audience. We "dressed up truth" with lavish garments of eloquence and style that turns into something else. For the character of our preaching is not in amusing the hearers but amending them.

Our conversation regarding preaching as entertainment will continue in the next article. ■

Former Sheriff John Baker Dies at 72

Former Sheriff John Baker Dies at 72. Former NFL defensive lineman John H. Baker Jr. died Wednesday, October 31, 2007, his son said. He was 72. Baker died at his home Wednesday morning after a long illness, said officials at the Haywood Funeral Home in Raleigh.



He leaves behind his wife, Juanita, of almost 50 years, two children and four grandchildren.

Baker attended North Carolina Central on a football scholarship before spending 11 years in the NFL with the Los Angeles Rams, Pittsburgh Steelers and Detroit Lions.

He may be best known for his 1964 tackle of New York Giants quarterback Y.A. Tittle, who was photographed sitting bloody in the end zone, according to Baker's citation in the Raleigh Hall of Fame.

In the offseason, Baker worked with the Raleigh police department as a youth counselor. When he left the NFL and returned to his hometown, he became the first black appointed to the state Parole Board, where he served eight years until being elected Wake County sheriff in 1978. Baker served in the post for 24 years, until he was defeated in 2002.

Baker and his late father, who was Raleigh's first black police officer, were inducted into the city's Hall of Fame this year. Baker became a member of the state's Sports Hall of Fame in 1972.

During his tenure as sheriff, Baker helped create a program that allowed young jailed offenders to continue their education at the John H. Baker Jr. Charter School.



A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

-Author Unknown

PASTOR VACANCY

Spring Street Missionary Baptist Church

P O Box 861 • 511 Orange Street • Henderson NC 27536 • (252) 492-3992

Spring Street Missionary Baptist Church is accepting applications for Pastor.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Active member and good standing with Baptist Church
- Must be an ordained Minister
- Must have good rapport both within and without the church
- Must have knowledge of the Doctrines and beliefs of the Baptist Church
- Only those meeting the scriptural requirements in 1st Timothy 3: 1-12 shall be eligible
- Must adhere to the Constitution and By-Laws of Spring Street Missionary Baptist Church

Please send resume to: Spring Street Missionary Baptist Church
Attn: Pulpit Committee
P 0 Box 861
Henderson NC 27536

Mount Gilead Baptist Church (MGBC)

Durham, NC

PASTOR VACANCY

MGBC is currently seeking a new Pastor. For the complete job position and requested information, please visit our website: www.mtgileadbaptist.org. Application package must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2008. Applications not postmarked by the deadline may or may not be considered.

Application package should be mailed to:
Mount Gilead Baptist Church
C/O Deacon Ronnie Hunter
Post Office Box 25431
Durham, North Carolina 27702

PASTOR VACANCY

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church

Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, Wilson, NC is currently accepting applications for a Pastor.

Applicants who want to be considered should possess the following:

- ✓ Must be licensed, ordained, Missionary Baptist Minister
- ✓ Must be living or willing to live near Wilson area
- ✓ Must be able to render service for all worship services here at Ebenezer
- ✓ Must be able to relate to all ages in the church
- ✓ Must have Theological or Seminary training
- ✓ Must be at least 37 years old and at least two years of Pastoral experience preferred
- ✓ Must be able to lead, preach, teach the gospel, and counsel the membership
- ✓ Must be able to motivate members to tithe
- ✓ Must enhance spiritual growth of the church
- ✓ Must be willing to submit a criminal and traffic background check and furnish a credit report

Resume, brief biographical sketch, official transcripts, three reference letters which include you home address, telephone number and e-mail address.

Mail all application material to: Deacon Sylvester Dupree
P.O. Box 7605
Wilson, NC 27893

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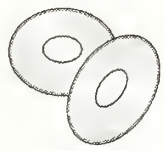
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PASTORAL VACANCY

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- Must have the Biblical qualities of a Pastor as defined in 1 Timothy 3:1-7
- Must possess a Passion for God, His Word, and His People
- Must be licensed and ordained as a Baptist Minister
- Must have the ability and desire to work with all age groups within the church
- Must live or be willing to live within 60 mile radius of the church
- Must be at least 34 years old and pastoral experience preferred
- Must be willing to submit to a criminal background check and furnish a credit report
- Must be able to share His vision for the spiritual growth of the church
- Must exemplify good communication, leadership, administrative and counseling ability

All applicants should mail the following to the address below:
Resume, brief biographical sketch, official transcripts, three reference letters which include their home address, telephone number and e-mail address.

Mail all application material to: Brown New Calvary Baptist Church
Attn: Pulpit Committee
200 Doak Street
Thomasville, North Carolina 27360

J. J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY

"Come ye yourselves apart into a quit place and rest a while."
Mark 6:31.

The purpose of the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly in Laurel Hill is to provide a setting that is Christian in its atmosphere and is conductive to learning, worship, and meeting the needs of all individual who we serve.

It allows to for many opportunities to commune with one another, whether it be weddings, family reunion, seminars, or banquets.

J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly is a tract of land of seventy-five or more acres, much of which is covered with a mixture of North Carolina pine, red and white oak trees.

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Mail all application material to:
Minister Betty Wiley
P.O. Box 3293
Wilson, NC 27895



PASTOR VACANCY
New Hill Baptist Church • Clayton, NC

Qualifications:

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2. Must have the biblical qualities of a Pastor defined in Timothy
3. Must be licensed and ordained as a Baptist Minister.
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6. Family and Community oriented.
7. Believe and abided by the Baptist Doctrine and Church covenant
8. Supportive of the General Baptist State Convention.
9. Must be at least 40 years or older and pastoral experience.
10. Must be willing to submit to a criminal background check.
11. Must be willing to share their vision for spiritual growth of the church.
12. Must exemplify good communication, leadership, administration and counseling ability.
13. Have the knowledge of Missionary Baptist Church Doctrine Policies and willingly abide by them.

References/Resume • 3 references with address and contacts included

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